

## China criticises U.S. ban

PEKING (R) — China criticised on Friday a decision by the United States to deny Peking easier access to American high technology following Iran's alleged use of Chinese-made Silkworm missiles to Iran although officials have acknowledged that Chinese arms may have reached Tehran unintentionally through a third party. Washington and Peking have agreed within the last year to cooperate closely in some fields of military technology but the United States said on Thursday it would suspend a review of liberalising certain high technology exports to China. Diplomats in Peking said the wider repercussions of the suspension on Sino-U.S. relations were not yet clear but noted that recent criticism by China of U.S. involvement in the Gulf had been moderate. The official New China News Agency said it was "not reasonable at all for the U.S. to halt the review... under the pretext of mounting tensions in the Gulf." It is known to all that the current strain in the Gulf area is caused by the sustaining and escalating Iran-Iraq war and further intensified by the military involvement of the big powers there.

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## U.N.: Israel has nuclear power

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Israel probably has the means to make nuclear weapons and might be able to explode one type of bomb without a prior test, the United Nations said on Friday. A U.N. report to the General Assembly said the world body did not have conclusive proof that Israel possessed nuclear armaments, but circumstantial evidence and other factors seemed to indicate it could make them. Among factors cited was Israel's failure to confirm or deny its nuclear capability, the ambiguity of its nuclear policy statements, and its unwillingness to adhere to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty or otherwise accept nuclear safeguards. Together, these factors "conveyed the strong impression that (Israel) does have the potential to produce nuclear weapons," according to the U.N. document. It cited earlier reports that Israel might be capable of assembling a number of nuclear devices within weeks or perhaps even days. "Israel is not known to have tested a nuclear weapon," the U.N. said.

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## Bourguiba says summit is essential

TUNIS (Petra) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba Friday stressed the importance of the extraordinary Arab summit due to convene in Amman on Nov. 8 saying that the conference was very much needed at "this particular time when the dangers threatening the security of the region are being escalated." Mr. Bourguiba's statement came after a meeting with Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, who called on the Tunisian president for a review of the preparations for the summit. Mr. Bourguiba and Mr. Klibi also discussed the latest developments in the Gulf and the threats to the region's security and stability.

## British chief of staff ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — The chief of general staff of the British armed forces, General Sir Nigel Bagnall, left Amman on Friday after a six-day official visit to Jordan, during which he met with senior military officials and visited a number of military and archaeological sites. Seeing him at the airport was Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleh and senior aides, Air Force Commander Ihsan Shurdum and the British ambassador to Jordan.

## Blast rocks Jerusalem building

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — An explosion shook a Jerusalem apartment block on Friday but caused no casualties. Police said they presumed Arab activists were responsible for the explosion, which caused some damage. The block is on the western side of Abu Tor, a southern Jerusalem neighbourhood.

## U.S. Senate rejects Bork nomination

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate, in a major defeat for President Ronald Reagan, rejected his nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. supreme court on Friday. The Senate vote came after three days of bitter debate and almost four months after Mr. Reagan nominated the conservative jurist to replace Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, who resigned.

## French actor Ventura dies

PARIS (AP) — Actor Lino Ventura, who portrayed broad-shouldered toughs and husky-voiced detectives in dozens of French thrillers and psychological dramas in a 30-year career has died at the age of 68. Mr. Ventura, best-known for his role as the police investigator in the award-winning 1981 film "Garde à Vue," died of a heart attack late Thursday night at his home in suburban Saint Cloud, rescue officials said.

## Iran-contra report delayed

WASHINGTON (R) — A long-awaited congressional report on the Iran-contra scandal, scheduled for release at the end of the month, will not be out until the second week of November, aides said on Friday.

# Superpowers fall short of full accord on INF and summit; no progress over Mideast

## Gorbachev proposes ban on INF testing and deployment

MOSCOW (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said on Friday the superpowers had failed to agree on a date for a new U.S.-Soviet summit and it appeared Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev did not yet want to go to Washington.

Mr. Shultz also told a news conference the United States and the Soviet Union had been unable to reach full agreement on banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles (INF).

Mr. Shultz, speaking after talks with Mr. Gorbachev in the Kremlin, said: "The general secretary is not apparently prepared under present circumstances to set a date to go to Washington."

As for the arms-reduction treaty, Mr. Shultz said, "Of course, we feel very strongly that we must take the time necessary to be satisfied that we have done as much as is possible in the field of verification."

Shortly after Mr. Shultz spoke, the Soviet news agency TASS said Mr. Gorbachev had proposed a moratorium on production, testing and deployment of medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles from Nov. 1.

Describing Mr. Gorbachev's proposal on medium-range missiles, which was tabled during his talks with Mr. Shultz, TASS said: "In order to secure what has been achieved on the issue of banning medium- and shorter-range missiles, Mikhail Gorbachev proposed to declare, from Nov. 1, moratoriums on all work connected with their production, testing and deployment."

Mr. Shultz gave no word of Mr. Gorbachev's proposal when he addressed his news conference earlier.

## No particular advance made in efforts for Arab-Israeli peace

MOSCOW (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz said on Friday that American and Soviet officials had discussed efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, but they made no progress.

"Of course, the subject has come up, but we haven't made any particular progress in the varying concepts we have about that," Mr. Shultz told reporters after meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

"I preceded my trip here by going to the Middle East, and the observations and results of that trip were discussed thoroughly with the Soviet Union in one of our working groups," he said.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan noted in a news conference on Thursday evening in Washington that American officials had been exploring Arab demands that Moscow be involved in an international conference to get peace talks going.

"So far, Israel prefers not to go that route," said Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan also praised His Majesty King Hussein for his efforts for peace.

"We'd thought for a long time that the Arab nations who were still technically in a state of war with Israel, that they and Israel could get together and should get together," Mr. Reagan said.

"Some of them have, such as the great efforts that King Hussein has made," Mr. Reagan said. The United States has noted "how far he has gone to try and bring this about," the president added.

Mr. Shultz, whom Mr. Reagan mistakenly referred to in his comments as "the secretary-general," discussed prospects for advances

# Wall Street restrains plunge after week of chaos and panic

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market ended its most volatile week since the great depression with a decline in prices Friday, although it showed some signs of stabilising amid continued heavy trading.

Major exchanges closed two hours early to curb the enormous volume building up since Monday's historic collapse, a move traders say helped dampen some of the past volatility.

"We're starting to see some stability," said Thomas Czech, a research director at Blunt Ellis and Loewi. "I think the latest economic figures are really encouraging people."

The government reported Friday that consumer prices rose a modest 0.2 per cent in September while the gross national product surged ahead at 3.8 per cent.

Edward Nicolski, a technical analyst for Piper Jaffray and Hopwood Inc., said he was seeing more interest among individual investors.

"We're seeing positive money flow today," he said. "Our retail clients are just buying. They think some of the blue chips are the best buys in many years."

Mr. Nicolski said some investors who had fled to the credit markets following Moody's collapse were now taking profits from bonds and putting that back into equities.

Still, many traders feel the market has a long way to go before it's back on its feet.

The Dow Jones average skidded when trading opened Friday morning, following stock losses in Tokyo and London (see page 7). But the benchmark barometer of the nation's 30 blue-chip companies rallied in later trading, showing a 20-point gain at one stage.

Following Thursday's tumble of 77.42 points, the average's loss for the week stood at just under 400 points.

## PLO assails U.S. Senate moves to close its U.N. office

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Moves in the U.S. Senate to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation's mission to the United Nations are a violation of American treaty obligations, PLO representative Zaid Terzi said on Friday.

"The United States Senate adopted an amendment which, if and when enacted as law by the Congress, will constitute a flagrant violation of the obligations of the government of the United States of America under the United Nations headquarters agreement," he told a news conference.

He said the PLO was not reassured by a State Department statement earlier this week that it would not order the PLO mission closed despite any congressional moves.

"We are concerned about the future of this organisation," Mr. Terzi told reporters. "Today it is the PLO. Tomorrow it could be another state and maybe a third state."

The Senate moves to close the U.N. mission of the PLO follow action against the Palestine Information Office in Washington.

Mr. Terzi said the Washington action was being appealed on the grounds that it would violate the constitutional rights to free speech of the U.S. citizens who operate it.

## Murphy holds talks with Lebanese leaders in Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — U.S. Middle East envoy Richard Murphy said he explored ways to help Lebanon end 12 years of civil war in talks with the country's leaders on Friday.

Mr. Murphy, an assistant secretary of state, told reporters he examined Lebanon's problems and how to help in talks with President Amin Gemayel and Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss.

But the diplomat, who arrived in the Lebanese capital from Damascus on Friday, denied he was mediating between Lebanon's rightists and Syria, which supports Arab nationalist and leftist forces in Lebanon.

Mr. Murphy, who recently visited Israel, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria as part of a U.S. push for an international Middle East peace conference, denied he was trying to mend fences between Mr. Gemayel and Damascus.

"I am not acting as a mediator. I was in Damascus, (but) if I go from one capital to another I do not have to be a mediator," he said after meeting Mr. Hoss in west Beirut.

Syria has been at odds with Mr. Gemayel since January 1986 when he refused to endorse a Syrian-sponsored pact between Lebanon's major militias aimed at ending the war.

Mr. Murphy held talks in Syria on Thursday. The first report of his presence in Lebanon was when he met Mr. Hoss in west Beirut Friday morning.

## Rafsanjani restates conditional offer to halt attacks

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran's top spokesman said on Friday that Tehran was ready to close the file on attacks on oil installations and shipping in the Gulf if the United States and Arab states halted Iraqi attacks.

But, speaking 24 hours after a missile slammed into Kuwait's main offshore oil export terminal, Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani warned Iran had many "invisible projectiles" to use if Iraq were not curbed.

Iran has "repeatedly told" the U.S. and the Gulf states "to tell" Iraq "not to attack our ships and oil interests in the Gulf so that your ships and interests are not hit," Tehran Radio quoted Mr. Rafsanjani as telling worshippers at Tehran's mass Friday prayer meeting.

"Although you have not yet been able to prove the missiles which destroy your interests are fired by Iran, but we owe say: Declare your neutrality and we will consider the matter closed."

Iran's national news agency IRNA said Mr. Rafsanjani predicted "total defeat" for the U.S. military build-up in the Gulf which started in July to protect from Iranian attack Kuwaiti oil tankers registered to fly the American flag.

Mr. Rafsanjani said the U.S. had lost more in men, material and prestige than Iran in the stand-off in the Gulf, which included American helicopter attacks on an Iranian vessel and three patrol boats, and naval attacks on two Iranian offshore oil platforms on Monday.

But he said Washington and its allies had a way out and offered three options:

"Either tell the Iraqi regime not to hit our ships in the Gulf, or formally declare your neutrality in the war and stop the financial and military support given to Iraq by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, or declare the aggressor (in the Iran-Iraq war)."

"Then we will not initiate (further attacks)... but if you do not choose one of these three paths you should know that... the Islamic Republic of Iran has many such invisible projectiles."



## King urges world community to work for strengthening U.N.

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein said Friday that the United Nations, despite its noted achievements, had not been successful in realising the goals for which it was established and urged member states to work towards strengthening the international body and preserving its principal tenets.

"Our contemporary world is still a witness to several tragedies, wars and conflicts before which the international community stands helpless," the King said in a message sent to the U.N. on the occasion of the 42nd anniversary of the world body. "The best example is what we see in our area — the non-implementation of international legitimacy concerning the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war (Continued on page 5)"

## Kuwait boosts defences, seeks world condemnation of Iran

Damage in Silkworm attack said to be slight

Combined agency dispatches

KUWAIT has boosted its missile defences and launched a campaign to seek international condemnation of Iran for a missile attack on its main loading terminal in the Gulf on Thursday.

According to sources quoted by AP, additional Hawk surface-to-air missiles have been deployed north of Kuwait's tanker terminal to try to shoot down Iranian Silkworm weapons before they reach vital petroleum facilities.

AP quoted its source, which it identified only as an official of the state-owned Kuwait Oil Tanker Company, as saying that damage to the offshore Sea Island super-tanker dock was slight following Thursday's Iranian missile attack, the third on Kuwaiti oil installations in eight days.

As salvage crews cleared rubble and contained an oil slick oozing into the Gulf, Kuwait sought world condemnation of Iran for the Silkworm missile attack. AP quoted sources as saying it would be some time before the terminal was fully functional, although the overall effect on Kuwait's petroleum exports would be limited.

Kuwaiti officials said five workers were slightly injured in the missile attack, which set fire in the deep-water loading terminal that pumps about one-third of Kuwait's crude oil exports into giant supertankers of 250,000 tonnes and up.

Kuwait said the missile was a Chinese-made Silkworm missile fired by Iranian forces occupying Iraq's Fao Peninsula 100 kilometres away. The U.S. Defence Department confirmed the identity of the weapon in a statement released Thursday.

Shipping sources said cleanup crews cleared away rubble among the boat and scorched piping on Friday while environmental experts used chemical detergents to

an effort to contain an oil slick created by leaks from the damaged terminal.

Kuwait activated contingency plans to offset the lost pumping capacity by increased use of other facilities.

Thursday's missile strike on Kuwait was the third in a week, including two that hit tankers in its waters, and Kuwait was attempting to drum up diplomatic backlash as its only practical recourse.

Its small army is no match for Iran's forces. The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said the emirate's United Nations representative, Mohammad Abul Hasan, had met with Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York late on Thursday to discuss what the U.N. could do.

"Iran will not refrain from its acts unless the international community takes a collective position against its attacks on Kuwait," Mr. Abul Hasan told KUNA.

Arab states around the region expressed sympathy and solidarity with Kuwait after the latest missile hit.

His Majesty King Hussein voiced Jordan's condemnation of the Iranian aggression on Kuwaiti oil installations as a treacherous act and expressed Jordan's total solidarity with Kuwait.

In a telephone conversation with the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, King Hussein said that Jordan stands by Kuwait in its defence of its sovereignty and its Arab identity and described Iran's attack as an action designed to destabilise the Gulf region and endanger Arab security.

Sheikh Jaber thanked the King for his concern and expressed his country's appreciation of Jordan's solidarity with and support for Kuwait and its people and the Arab Nation at large.

Saudi Arabia condemned Iran for the attack and fellow Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member Bahrain called Iran's

charge d'affaires for discussions. "Saudi Arabia condemns anew the repeated Iranian attacks on the security and sovereignty of an Arab Gulf country, and affirms its total support of Kuwait against this Iranian aggression," the Saudi Press Agency quoted an official source as saying.

Bahrain's Gulf News Agency said Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Mubarak Al Khalifa told the Iranian charge d'affaires the attack was a serious escalation of the situation and increased tensions in the region.

According to KOTC official quoted by AP, additional Hawk missiles "are now in operation" at Faylakah Island 40 kilometres north of the vital terminal.

A Western diplomat and an informed Kuwaiti source said some of the U.S.-made missiles had been on Faylakah for some time. But the KOTC official said deployment of additional missile batteries there began Thursday.

The new deployment was not immediately reported by the Defence Ministry, but the KOTC official said there would be an announcement later.

Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said Thursday the Silkworm that hit Sea Island was fired from Fao, adding that Kuwait was "in the process of adopting measures to deal with this type of missile."

The KOTC official said the additional Hawks were moved from other parts of Kuwait to Faylakah, which is directly in the path of missiles fired from Fao as they streak towards the oil terminal area.

Hawk missiles are designed to shoot down aircraft, but a Western military expert in London told AP they should be effective against the slow-moving Silkworms.

Last week, the Kuwaiti military unsuccessfully tried to shoot down one of the Silkworms as it

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## Reagan may strengthen warning to Iran with Stinger supplies to Gulf states

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States has bolstered a warning to Iran from President Ronald Reagan with hints of providing new defensive missiles to Arab Gulf states.

Mr. Reagan, bolder his first White House news conference for seven months on Thursday, said Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini "is in a war and if he's going to go on with provocative acts against us or anyone else then he's running a great risk because we are going to respond."

A few hours earlier, a State Department spokesman said the United States was considering the sale of a limited number — less than 100, officials said — of shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Bahrain.

In reply to reports that Kuwait might also get Stingers, which Afghan rebels have used to telling effect against heavily-armoured Soviet helicopters, an administration spokesman said: "We want to do something for

Kuwait but I can't comment on what they want or what we might do."

The United States, which broke diplomatic relations with Iran during the 1979-81 Tehran hostage crisis, is providing naval escorts for 11 reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in what it says is a neutral effort to keep Gulf oil-shipping lanes open. The warship escorts are not allowed into Kuwaiti waters.

Iran, which has regarded Washington as an enemy since Muslim revolutionaries took power in 1979, says America has entered the Gulf war Iraq's side by helping Kuwait, which supports Iraq.

U.S. warships attacked two Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf on Monday in retaliation for an Iranian missile strike on a U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti ship in Kuwaiti waters.

Mr. Reagan told his news conference: "We've said if attacked we're going to defend ourselves and we're certainly going to con-

tinue this task and we've now been joined by a number of other nations in keeping the sea lanes open."

Replying to a reporter who asked if he had miscalculated in his Gulf policy in the light of clashes between U.S. and Iranian forces in the region, Mr. Reagan said: "I don't think we miscalculated on anything at all. We're not there to start a war."

Asked whether he could stop Ayatollah Khomeini, Mr. Reagan said: "We're not going to sit there... we're going to try to point out to him that it is a little too expensive to keep this up."

Mr. Reagan added: "If we did not retaliate as we did recently, he still would have done again what he did the first time."

Defence officials told Reuters that Kuwait could also put Stingers to good use against slow-flying Silkworm missiles.

They said Bahrain had little to fear from Silkworms because of their limited range but that Stingers could protect Bahrain's oilfields against any air attack.

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# 20 rounded up after Syrian soldier shot dead in west Beirut

## Gunmen kidnap Palestinian businessman

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syrian troops searched houses and rounded up about 20 men in a residential district of mainly Muslim west Beirut before dawn Friday, hours after gunmen shot and killed a Syrian soldier and wounded another, police said.

It was the second reported fatality among Syrian forces, who deployed in west Beirut last February, in escalating attacks against the peace-keepers.

The crackdown also was apparently designed at curbing a resurgence of violence in the capital's western sector, which aimed at discrediting Syria's law-enforcing effort, police said. Two rival leftist militia officials were killed and a Palestinian businessman was kidnapped in the past 24 hours in west Beirut, they reported.

The bullet-riddled body of kidnapped leftist militia official Tewfik Safadi was found in the seaside Raouche district, a police spokesman said.

Safadi, 36, was abducted late Thursday from the offices of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party's (SSNP) Sabah Al Khair magazine in west Beirut's Mosaitbeh district. The killing was in apparent retaliation for the assassination earlier Thursday of Habib Keyrouz, 35, spokesman for a rival SSNP wing.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said the killings were linked to a power struggle gripping the SSNP for the last six months, during which several other members of the party's rival factions were liquidated.

The SSNP advocates the merger of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Palestine, Kuwait and Cyprus into a secular greater Syria. It has a militia that fought along

side the opposition camp in Lebanon's 12-year-old civil war against Falangists.

Police said unidentified gunmen in a white Mercedes-Benz car opened fire from Soviet-made AK-47 assault rifles at three Syrian soldiers in west Beirut's Sakiet Al Janzeer district Thursday night, killing a private and wounding another.

Syrian soldiers cordoned off the mainly Sunni Muslim Ras Beirut district, launched a series of house raids and rounded up "about 20 men" for interrogation about possible involvement in the shooting of the Syrian soldiers, the police spokesman said.

The attack came one day after a rocket-propelled grenade fired by unidentified assailants slammed into a heavy parlor overlooking a sandbagged Syrian army checkpoint near west Beirut's shrapnel-scarred Comodore Hotel.

The blast late Wednesday inflicted extensive damage on the Charmerine Beauty Club, just 20 metres from the building that houses offices of the Associated Press and the American CBS and NBC television networks in west Beirut.

The rocket, according to the police spokesman, was "most probably targeted at the Syrian checkpoint, but narrowly missed it."

He said two explosive charges attached to timing devices were found and "safely defused" near Syrian army checkpoints in other

districts of west Beirut last week.

A Syrian soldier was killed and two others were wounded on May 13 in a car bomb blast at west Beirut's seaside boulevard.

The escalating attacks against the Syrians coincided with a resurgence of random kidnappings in Beirut's western sector.

Three gunmen in a white Volvo Sedan kidnapped Palestinian businessman Badr Fahoum in west Beirut Thursday, one week after Christian jeweller Simon Bouri was abducted in the city's western sector.

Habib Loutfallah, a wealthy Lebanese Christian who also holds Egyptian nationality, was kidnapped in west Beirut early this month. The police spokesman said his family received a ransom demand of one million dollars which was not met.

No group had claimed responsibility for the abductions which police said were carried out for ransom.

The three kidnap victims remain missing. The families of Fahoum and Bouri refuse to say whether ransoms have been demanded.

The spokesman said police have also noted a "sharp increase" in the rate of car thefts, house robberies and similar crimes in the past three weeks.

The escalation of violence in west Beirut, according to the spokesman, "obviously aims at discrediting the Syrians as law enforcers."

He did not elaborate. Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, deployed 7,500 troops in west Beirut on Feb. 22 in an effort to end three years of chaotic militia rule during which bank holdups, robberies and kidnappings marked daily life in the city's western sector.

## Amal-Palestinian clashes erupt

Shi'ite Muslim and Palestinian fighters battled with rockets and machineguns in Beirut and southern Lebanon on Friday, after two Palestinian gunmen were killed in overnight battles, police said.

They said the rival groups fought with anti-tank weapons, rockets and machineguns around Shatila camp in southern Beirut and Ain Al Hilweh camp near the port of Sidon. The clashes subsided at dawn on Friday.

Palestinian sources said one guerrilla was killed in Shatila and another killed in Ain Al Hilweh before the violence cooled to sporadic sniper-fire. No reports of any Amal casualties were available.

Both sides agreed to a Syrian-sponsored truce last month, but the accord was not implemented because of differences over the withdrawal of some 3,000 guerrillas from areas near Sidon.

The pact called for the withdrawal of Palestinian fighters from areas they captured last November and an end to an Amal siege at Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut and the south.

More than 2,500 people have been killed over three years of Amal-Palestinian conflict, known as the "camps war."

Amal accuses Palestinians of trying to use the camps as bases from which to regain the military foothold they lost in Lebanon in the wake of Israel's 1982 invasion.

The Palestinian guerrillas say Amal wants to dominate the camps and reduce their ability to protect their own people.

## Iran claims having over 16 Stingers

PEKING (R) — Iran said on Friday it had many more than 16 U.S.-made Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and these could help create an inferno for American forces in the Gulf.

Replying to questions at a news conference, Iran's ambassador to China, Alaeddin Broujerdi, would not say how his country got the Stinger missiles but the number of them was "much bigger" than the 16 which had been reported in the international press.

According to the reports Afghan guerrillas provided Iran with the missiles.

"To say that the Islamic Republic of Iran is equipped with various sophisticated missiles, including American-made Stinger missiles, will prove in the future, when we lose our patience, what an inferno could be created for American forces in the Gulf," said an embassy statement issued at the news conference.

The ambassador claimed that Iran had captured Chinese-made Silkorm missiles as war booty from Iraq and had made its own copies of these but that it had bought no Silkorms or any other arms from Peking.

Because the Silkorms had been acquired in this way, Iran faced no limitation on the use it could make of them in case of necessity, he said.

He said he thought the Gulf situation would strengthen Sino-Iranian ties rather than create difficulties.

## 'Kurds link fate of Italians to arms find'

ROME (R) — A Kurdish guerrilla group has linked the fate of three Italian engineers abducted in Iraq to the seizure in Italy of a freighter carrying arms to the Gulf, the Italian News Agency ANSA has reported.

The agency quoted a spokesman in Paris for the Patriotic Union of Iraqi Kurdistan, which has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings, as saying the group believed arms found on the Qatari-registered freighter Pathulkhair were intended for Iraq.

"If the Italian government refuses to consign the arms to the Ba'athist regime in Baghdad, it will help negotiations to release the three Italian engineers," ANSA quoted the spokesman as saying in a telephone call to its Paris office.

The Italian government confirmed last week, after news of the kidnappings emerged in Beirut, that the three engineers had been abducted in northern Iraq several weeks ago.

## U.S. freezes high-tech exports to China over arms sales to Iran

PEKING (AP) — U.S. sanctions against China for allegedly selling arms to Iran add a new element of discord in relations already strained by U.S. criticism of Peking's policies in Tibet.

China had no immediate reaction to a State Department announcement Thursday that the government was freezing types of high-tech items China could buy because of "rising tensions" in the Gulf.

The move followed more than a year of U.S. diplomatic pressure on China to stop selling Iran Silkorm missiles used in recent attacks on a U.S.-flagged tanker and an oil terminal in Kuwaiti waters.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said that in light of the Gulf situation, the United States has halted a decade-old process of

lifting restrictions on high-tech products sought by the Chinese.

China will keep getting equipment already approved for sale, but plans to approve new items have been cancelled, she said.

The move was not designed to hurt the Chinese economy, but to send China a signal of U.S. displeasure with the missile sales, she added.

U.S. officials, since revealing the presence in Iran of the Chinese-made anti-ship missiles in March, have said China has become the main arms supplier for Iran. The estimated \$1 billion in annual sales have reportedly provided China badly needed foreign currency to modernize its own armed forces.

China has consistently denied it provides arms to Iran.

"We have stated on many occasions that China does not sell

arms or missiles to Iran," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Yuzhen said Wednesday.

Chinese officials acknowledge, however, that arms could make their way to Iran through international arms markets and other third parties. Premier Zhao Ziyang, in an interview with the U.S. NBC Television Network last month, said China had "taken note of the international reaction in this connection. We will make our efforts to prevent the weapons China exports (from being) acquired by Iran or Iraq through other channels."

The decision to stop liberalizing high-tech exports to China touches another raw nerve. China has long complained, and U.S. officials have agreed, that the United States has been excessively slow in loosening restrictions on high-tech sales.

## Khomeini's health deteriorating — magazine

BEIRUT — Ayatollah Khomeini suffers from depression and amnesia, according to the Lebanese magazine Ad Dustur. Quoting medical sources in Britain, the paper reported that the Iranian leader's condition stems from a heart problem that is steadily deteriorating.

A leading British heart surgeon

who has treated Khomeini since 1980 was urgently summoned to Iran on Oct. 5. The Iranian plane that flew him to Tehran stopped in Geneva to pick up another heart specialist.

The British surgeon goes to Tehran each month to examine Khomeini. He last saw the 87-year-old leader on Sept. 22 be-

fore being summoned on Oct. 5, and is expected to return at the end of this month, the paper said.

Other reports say that Khomeini has been in a long depression, and point to his most recent public address in which he stopped in the middle of a verse from the Koran.

## U.S. probes outboard motor shipments to Iran

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's leading manufacturer of outboard motors is under investigation in connection with alleged shipments of engines to Iran, according to a company spokesman, who denied the charges.

"We do not make shipments to Iran, nor do we allow the transshipment of our motors to Iran by our overseas customers," said spokesman Laurin Baker of the Outboard Marine Corp. in nearby Waukegan.

Televised reports late Wednesday said the U.S. customs service agents seized documents at the firm's headquarters in the northern Illinois city.

Baker acknowledged that the agents had visited the offices, but said he did not know if any company records had been taken by the investigators.

"We were informed that the government was investigating possible violations of customs law," Baker said in a telephone

interview. "We have a strong interest in this investigation and are cooperating in every way possible."

According to reports on Chicago television stations WBBM-TV, WMAQ-TV and WLS-TV, federal authorities spotted the American-made motors while monitoring Iranian television footage of armed speedboats being used by that country's forces in the Gulf.

## Porn queen urges Shamir, Peres to agree on peace

TEL AVIV (AP) — With a kiss and a giggle, Italian porn queen and legislator Cicciolina greeted thousands of Israelis getting out of bed Friday. "Boker Tov, Israel," she gushed, saying "good morning" in accented Hebrew on Israel Army Radio's morning newscast. "This is Cicciolina." Many already knew. Early risers saw photographs of Cicciolina, with one or both breasts exposed and holding her trademark boa constrictor, in all Israeli newspapers including the straight-laced Haaretz and Davar dailies. The 37-year-old Hungarian-born starlet arrived here Thursday night on an Olympic Airlines flight and was spirited away down the back stairs before the hundreds of airport workers who thronged around the airplane to catch a glimpse of her. But she was very much visible at a news conference held later in the bar at the Cinerama in Tel Aviv, the largest discotheque in the country. Cic-



Cicciolina appeared in a sequined, easily adjustable gown, clutching a pink stuffed elephant, a garland of flowers on her dyed blond hair.

But she was not all skin and groans. The recently elected member of parliament for Italy's gaudy Radical Party had a political message to reveal as well. "I came here as a representative of love," Cicciolina said. "I do not want to see hate in the Middle East."

Chiding Israel's coalition government leaders for quarrelling over the best means to advance the peace process, she urged Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to agree among themselves so they could unite the world.

"Try to sit together around the peace table, pardon those who you consider terrorists, and reconcile yourselves," she urged, speaking in Italian which was translated for the crowd.

Her message made no impression on Avraham Shapira, a legislator for the ultra-orthodox Agudat Yisrael Party.

## House bill to support U.S. Gulf policy

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Members of both political parties introduced legislation in the House of Representatives on Oct. 22 that would automatically invoke the War Powers Act and endorse the U.S. presence in the Gulf.

Foreign Affairs Committee

members Stephen Solarz and Benjamin Gilman, who together drafted the bill, said at press conference that it is a compromise to reassert congressional authority while supporting President Reagan's Gulf policies.

"This bill protects the interests of both Congress and the presi-

dent," said Mr. Solarz. "But best of all, it protects the interests of the United States."

Mr. Solarz, a Democrat, declared that the bill "clearly and legally" establishes the relevance of the War Powers Act for the situation in the Gulf.

## Soviet Jews reportedly number 1.5m

CLOSE to half of Soviet Jews marry non-Jews, and the vast majority of the children of these mixed marriages choose to register as non-Jews.

These findings were reported yesterday by Dr. Mordechai Altshuler of the Hebrew University to the World Jewish Population Conference being held this week in Jerusalem.

He said that children of mixed marriages are allowed to choose the nationality of either their mother or father when they receive their identity cards at age 16, and that between 80 and 90 per cent register as non-Jews.

Altshuler estimated that there are now between 1.5 and 1.6 million Jews in the Soviet Union. — The Jerusalem Post.

## Islamic Jihad threatens U.S., Europe

BEIRUT (R) — The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad (holy war) organisation has threatened to strike at the United States and Europe, saying thousands of Gulf Muslims were poised for suicide attacks.

The Islamic Jihad statement, sent to an international news agency in Beirut, was accompanied by black-and-white photographs of two of its hostages — American journalist Terry Anderson and Frenchman Jean-

Paul Kauffmann.

"The coming few days will reveal to the world America's paper-thin ability in confronting the Muslims... the conditions of the Europeans will not be any better," it said.

The statement was issued one day after Iran vowed to avenge Monday's U.S. Navy attacks on Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf.

U.S. missions have been put on high alert around the world in

case of retaliatory strikes.

The communique was also accompanied by colour photographs of the U.S. Marine and French military headquarters in Beirut before two suicide bombers struck on October 23, 1983, killing about 300 servicemen.

The statement said suicide attacks on American and French bases would be "repeated in other Muslim states very soon."

## TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION  
Tel. 7111-19

PROGRAMME ONE  
14:30 ..... Koran  
14:50 ..... Programme Review  
14:55 ..... Children programmes  
15:25 ..... The Danny  
15:55 ..... Soccer  
17:10 ..... French Teaching Programme  
17:30 ..... Animals, Animals  
17:50 ..... How Things Work  
18:10 ..... Arabic series  
18:45 ..... Micro at Work  
19:00 ..... Message from Iraq  
19:10 ..... Local family programme  
19:40 ..... Programme review and variances  
20:00 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... Arabic series  
21:30 ..... Variances  
22:10 ..... Tomorrow's programme  
22:45 ..... News Summary in Arabic  
23:00 ..... News Summary in Arabic  
23:10 ..... Play cent.

PROGRAMME TWO  
18:00 ..... "Le Faiseur de Mots" (drama)  
19:00 ..... News in French  
19:15 ..... The 10th International Circus Show in Paris  
19:30 ..... News in Hebrew  
19:45 ..... Science World  
20:00 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... Just Good Friends (Comedy)  
21:00 ..... Magazine Zero One  
21:10 ..... Saturday Variety Show  
22:00 ..... News in English  
22:20 ..... Feature film: "Oklahoma"

RADIO JORDAN  
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& parls on 950 KHz, SW  
Tel. 7111-19

07:00 ..... Morning Show  
07:30 ..... Newsdesk  
08:00 ..... Morning Show  
10:00 ..... News Summary  
10:05 ..... Morning Show Contd.  
11:00 ..... 50 years of American Top Ten Hits  
12:00 ..... News Summary  
12:05 ..... Pop Session  
13:00 ..... News Summary  
13:05 ..... Pop Session  
14:00 ..... News Bulletin  
14:30 ..... Jordan Weekly  
14:50 ..... Concert Hour  
16:00 ..... News Summary  
16:05 ..... Instrumental Old favourites  
17:00 ..... Special Feature  
17:30 ..... Music  
18:00 ..... News Summary  
18:05 ..... Top Twenty  
19:00 ..... Newsdesk/Music  
19:20 ..... Date with a Star

## WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

\* An art exhibition entitled "France in the 20th Century" at the French Cultural Centre (until Oct. 29).

\* An exhibition of Swedish nature photography at the Alia Art Gallery.

\* An exhibition by Kamal and Nidal Tabbar at Housing Bank Complex (until Nov. 21).

FILM

\* "Local Hero" at British Council. 7:30 p.m. (until Oct. 27).

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267  
American Centre ..... 644311  
British Council ..... 641520  
French Cultural Centre ..... 6361478  
Goethe Institute ..... 641993  
Soviet Cultural Centre ..... 642049  
Spanish Cultural Centre ..... 639777  
Turkish Cultural Centre ..... 665195  
Haya Arts Centre ..... 6671816  
Haya Youth City ..... 641793  
Y.W.M.C.A. .... 664251  
Amman Municipal Library ..... 637111  
Univ. of Jordan Library ..... 843555

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash 14th to 18th centuries. The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Clasid Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and

## FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

06:45 Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)  
10:15 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Kuwait (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Damascus (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Karachi, Dubai (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Santa's, Jeddah (RJ)  
10:50 ..... Dhahran (RJ)  
11:40 ..... Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)  
17:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
18:35 ..... New York, Vienna (RJ)  
18:35 ..... Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RJ)  
18:40 ..... Athens (RJ)  
19:15 ..... Amsterdam (RJ)  
20:00 ..... Geneva, Brussels (RJ)  
00:55 ..... Baghdad (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

06:20 ..... Belgrade, Istanbul (RJ)  
13:00 ..... (Sunrise) Doha  
13:20 ..... Cairo (MS)  
13:20 ..... Sharjah, Bahrain (GF)  
14:35 ..... Kuwait (KU)  
15:45 ..... Tripoli (LN)  
16:10 ..... Riyadh (SV)  
18:05 ..... Rome (AZ)  
19:25 ..... Beirut (ME)  
19:30 ..... Paris, Damascus (AF)  
01:25 ..... Frankfurt (LH)

DEPARTURES ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

08:00 ..... Agaba (RJ)  
11:45 ..... Tripoli (RJ)  
12:00 ..... Vienna, New York (RJ)  
12:30 ..... Athens (RJ)  
12:30 ..... Paris (RJ)  
12:45 ..... Rome, Madrid (RJ)  
20:35 ..... Kuwait (RJ)  
13:00 ..... London (RJ)  
13:15 ..... Frankfurt (RJ)  
13:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
13:45 ..... Istanbul (RJ)  
20:35 ..... Bahrain, Doha (RJ)  
20:55 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
21:00 ..... Jeddah (RJ)  
21:45 ..... Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)  
22:15 ..... Cairo (RJ)

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

EMERGENCIES

Amman governorate ..... 891228  
Amman Civil Defence ..... 198, 199  
Civil Defence Irbid ..... 271393, 273131  
Civil Defence Quesneimch ..... 707033  
Civil Defence Deir Alla ..... 57306  
Ambulance ..... 193, 775111  
Amman downtown fire brigade ..... 198  
First aid ..... 630341  
Blood Bank ..... 778303  
Civil Defence rescue ..... 661111  
Fire headquarters ..... 192, 621111, 620999  
Police rescue ..... 192, 621111, 63777  
Police headquarters ..... 639141  
Traffic police ..... 8963001  
Electric Power Co. 636381/4, 624881  
Municipal water complaints ..... 771258  
Queen Alia Int'l. Airport (06)53300/0

HOSPITALS

Husseini Medical Centre ..... 81381/32  
Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn ..... 644281/4  
Akilch Maternity, J. Amn ..... 64241/2  
Jabal Amman Maternity ..... 642362  
Maltes, J. Amman ..... 641714  
Palestine, Shmeisani ..... 609131  
Shmeisani Hospital ..... 845845/6  
Al-Muasher Hospital ..... 667257/8  
The Islamic, Abdali ..... 666127/37  
Al-Ahli, Abdali ..... 777101/3  
Italian, Al-Muhajreen ..... 777101/3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh ..... 775111/25  
Army, Marka ..... 891611/16  
Queen Alia Hospital ..... 602240/50  
Amal Hospital ..... 674155

IRBID:

Dr. Nabil Abu Al'Ola ..... (-)  
Al Mohsen pharmacy ..... 245910

ZARQA:

Dr. Farah al Aqrabawi ..... 981923  
Qususi pharmacy ..... (-)

TAXIS:

Rainbow taxi ..... 637340  
Nabata taxi ..... 636930  
Karnak taxi ..... 669761  
Qaher taxi ..... 650406  
Jihad taxi ..... 676460  
Qasem taxi ..... 676130  
Lathi taxi ..... 770130  
Qadisiyah taxi ..... 637349

## MARKET PRICES

Upper/lower price in fils per kg.

Apple (Japanese/Turkish) 300 / 250  
Apple (Turkish) 400 / 350  
Banana ..... 350 / 300  
Banana (Mukammal) 300 / 240  
Beans ..... 270 / 200  
Cabbage ..... 130 / 100  
Cauliflower ..... 150 / 80  
Cucumbers ..... 150 / 100  
Dates ..... 280 / 200  
Eggplant (large) ..... 70 / 40  
Eggplant (small) ..... 140 / 100  
Garlic ..... 420 / 360  
Grapes (white) ..... 450 / 350  
Grapes (black) ..... 300 / 240  
Grapefruit ..... 110 / 80  
Guava ..... 200 / 150

## WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy, with slight increase in temperature. Northerly moderate winds will become north-westerly moderate. In Agaba, it will be partly cloudy, with chances of scattered showers. Southerly moderate winds will become northerly moderate and rough sea will become calm.

Min./max. temp.  
Amman ..... 10 / 20  
Pepper (hot) ..... 100 / 70  
Jordan ..... 18 / 29  
Desert ..... 9 / 22  
Jordan Valley ..... 20 / 25

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 19, Agaba 27. Humidity readings: Amman 65 per cent, Agaba 32 per cent.

Butler supplied by the Department of Meteorology.



# Amman spruces up for Nov. 8 Arab summit

By Alistair Lyon  
Reuters

AMMAN — Workers in orange overalls hunt down litter in near-spotless streets, stream-rollers flatten newly-laid asphalt and green army tents blossom on waste ground.

Amman, hosting next month's emergency Arab summit, is sprucing up in a round-the-clock whirl of road-building and a flurry of new paint, trees, lights and flags.

The mayor of Greater Amman, Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, estimated the bill at about \$7.5 million, half of which would be spent on materials.

"We are diverting resources, slowing work elsewhere to finish preparations by the end of this month," he said.

The government has reserved half a dozen five-star hotels for the potentates and presidents of the Arab League, due to gather in Amman on Nov. 8.

Security, a top concern here even when no distinguished visitors are in town, will be paramount.

"We will take the maximum security measures and precautions to guarantee the security and comfort of the heads of state and their entourages," Interior Minister Rajai Dajani told Reuters.

Leaders expected to attend range from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Hafez Al Assad of Syria to Iraqi President

Saddam Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

To keep them safe, authorities will seal off city blocks near the luxury hotels and the Royal Cultural Centre, a sleek white concrete-and-glass building where the summit will open and end.

Mr. Dajani said he had ordered a search and census in the area, part of Amman's wealthy Shmeisani district. Residents have been screened and given permits for themselves and their cars.

Heads of state will stay and hold their working sessions at the nine-floor Plaza Hotel, which opened nine months ago.

Louis Caviezel, manager of the Plaza Hotel, said all Arab kings, princes, sultans and presidents would get the same quality rooms. "We are treating them all alike," he said.

Adjoining the Plaza is Amman's biggest office block and shopping centre, which will shut for 9 days from Nov. 2. A skeleton staff will take reservations for the national airline Royal Jordanian, housed in the pyramid-shaped complex.

Security men will also keep a media army at arm's length. More than 200 Arab and foreign journalists have asked for accreditation, but apart from a photo session at the opening, they will have to be content with official coverage on closed circuit television at a press centre half a kilometre away.

For Jordan, the summit is a political show-case marking its role as a channel of communication in the fractious Arab World. And for Amman, staging the gathering boosts civic pride, regardless of whether the Arab leaders can mend their disputes over the Iran-Iraq war, Lebanon or the conflict with Israel.

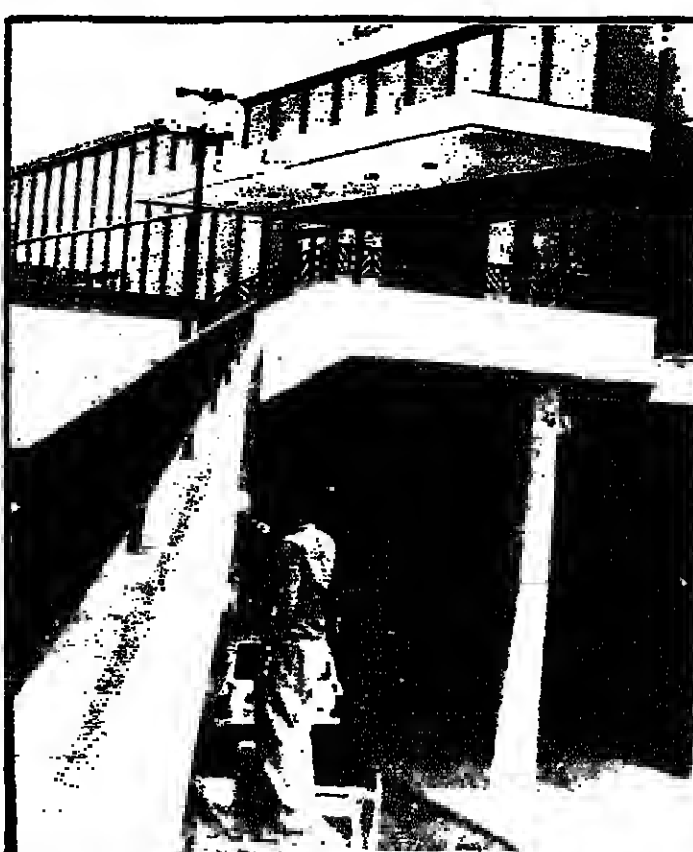
Summiters will see one of the Middle East's cleanest capitals, where industry is banished to outlying townships.

Limestone houses sprawl over seven hills more than 900 metres above sea level in a white expanse that contrasts with the big blue dome of the modern King Abdullah Mosque.

"There is a sense of openness," said Mayor Rawabdeh, 48. "Wherever you are, you can see a third of the city," he added.

Amman has grown explosively. This year, the municipality extended its sway over 15 adjacent villages, expanding the city's area to 520 from 90 square kilometres. Mr. Rawabdeh blamed this for a 10 per cent deficit in the \$100 million municipal budget, the first in five years. He said the government would meet the cost of summit preparations.

He said a slum-clearance programme begun in 1981 had removed 80 per cent of shanty houses. For a decade after the 1973 oil price boom, Jordanians working in wealthy Gulf states spent their earnings on luxury villas, building new suburbs and partly shifting the city's centre of



The stairway to the Royal Cultural Centre is painted as part of preparations for the Arab summit, which will open and end at the centre (photo by Yusef Al 'Allan)

gravity from downtown to the richer Jabal Amman area.

The property market is now depressed and a master plan for the city to the year 2005 has been drawn up, banning the exuberant development of new areas and

seeking to improve services and infrastructure within present city limits. "Not long ago this was a concrete jungle," Mr. Rawabdeh said. "Now we have planted 50 public gardens and a million trees."

# Parliament today presents replies to King's speech

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Upper House (Senate) and Lower House of Parliament will today present their separate replies to His Majesty King Hussein's speech from the throne, delivered at the official convening of Parliament on Oct. 10.

Both replies to be presented at an official ceremony to be held at the Royal Court were endorsed by the Senate and the Lower House last Saturday. The replies are expected to reaffirm Parliament's support of the government's policy, as contained in the speech from the throne, covering Jordan's national, pan-Arab and international policies.

The Lower House is scheduled to hold a session on Saturday morning to refer a number of draft laws in its various committees for endorsement.

According to observers, one of the most important bills to be referred by the Lower House to its Legal Committee is a draft law to ratify an agreement, signed

between Jordan and Syria in late August, to build the Al Wahdah dam. The landmark unity agreement revives a long-delayed water project to irrigate tracts of the Jordan Valley and generate hydroelectric power. The project will dam the Yarmouk, a Jordan River tributary, and will be carried out at an initial cost of \$230 million. According to the agreement, Jordan would use stored winter floodwaters mainly for irrigation and drinking, while Syria would get 75 per cent of the hydroelectric power and 25 per cent of the water.

According to Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud, the dam would hold back 222 million cubic metres of water, and the reservoir

would take one to two years to fill.

Other draft laws to be referred by the Lower House to the various committees are: a 1987 amendment to the law on additional fees for the Jordan, Yarmouk and Mu'ta universities; the 1987 draft law on Jordan's Supreme Court; a 1987 amendment to the country's penal code; and a 1987 draft law to set up a judicial institute to qualify personnel and enable them to assume judicial positions on the basis of ability and free competition.

These three laws lacking various aspects of the judiciary system are seen as part of the government's efforts to modernise legislation and to safeguard the independence and immunity of the judiciary, in order to ensure the upholding of justice for all citizens.

The draft laws addressing the Al Wahdah dam and the three laws on the judiciary system were mentioned in His Majesty King Hussein's Oct. 10 speech from the throne.

# Railways conference ends with call for upgrading networks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a four-day symposium on railways, which concluded here on Friday, expressed appreciation to His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for the hospitality and warm welcome accorded to them.

In a cable they sent on Friday at the conclusion of the conference, they thanked the Jordanian government for hosting the meetings and expressed appreciation to Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhan.

At Friday's session, Mr. Jean Elias, honorary president of the French Railway stations, delivered a speech on behalf of all participants, in which he expressed appreciation to Jordan for the hospitality they received during the symposium.

Mr. Elias praised the efforts made by the Arab Railways Federation (ARF) to make this symposium a success. The secretary-general of the ARF, Murhaf Al Sabouni, also thanked participants for their great contribution, saying that their active participation had contributed to making the symposium a success and to enriching railway specialists with valuable information.

On Thursday, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan met with participants in the symposium, which was opened under his patronage at the Plaza Hotel on Tuesday. The Crown Prince voiced his appreciation to the participants for their efforts to achieve integration in railway communication among Arab

states and emphasised that railways can help to strengthen the Arab economy, as well as link with all Arab countries.

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# Task force on floods begins recovery plans

AMMAN (J.T.) — A task force formed upon the directives of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to research ways to assist farmers severely affected by the recent floods in the Balqa and Zarqa governorates met under the chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud.

The minister, addressing the Thursday meeting, emphasised the importance of coordinating the efforts of all concerned authorities for confronting future floods.

The formation of the task force, the minister said, was not solely for assessing damages and providing help but, also to study circumstances in which these farmers live, so that assistance can be provided automatically whenever is needed, under similar conditions, in the future.

Mr. Hmoud reiterated Prince Hassan's call for conducting a social survey in the stricken regions to provide information for the planners and the authorities involved in the recovery efforts.

Several members of the task force spoke at the meeting and provided information about the conditions which led to the heavy material losses during the flood, which hit both regions last Saturday. They said that the presence of homes and farms in the way of water streams, the closure of a number of culverts and also the absence of an early-warning alarm system to warn the farmers of the coming danger contributed

to the great losses.

There was a general review of the situation, which was followed by a discussion on what government departments can do to address similar tragedies in the future.

At the end of the meeting, it was announced that two subcommittees were formed in the Balqa and Zarqa governorates, headed by their respective provincial governors, to look into separate measures for confronting any further floods. These subcommittees will have to report on their work at the task force's next meeting, which has been scheduled for Wednesday.

Attending the meeting were the undersecretaries of the ministries of agriculture, public works, and labour and social development, as well as the directors of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the National Aid Fund, the district governors of Shuneh and the directors of departments in the Balqa and Zarqa governorates.

Last Tuesday, Prince Hassan toured the stricken areas in the Jordan Valley region near Shuneh and met farmers and their families. He immediately ordered the formation of a joint task force to deal with the situation and to provide assistance to the people in the affected areas.

# Jordan seeks remote sensing technology to locate resources

AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a five-day seminar on the application of remote sensing, which began here on Thursday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, discussed on Friday a number of working papers on environmental sciences, agriculture and desertification.

The seminar is organised by the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) and the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS). During Friday's session, Ali Abanda, director of the Department of Meteorology presented a working paper on desertification and climate. He stressed the need for developing plans to counter desertification.

Dr. Abanda also outlined the importance of using satellites for monitoring climatic elements and changes, in addition to characteristics of the earth's surface. One of the reasons for desertification is the increase of population in dry areas, which results in greater demand for food, Dr. Abanda noted.

The director of the RJGC, Rafat Al Majali, said that remote sensing means testing things from remote locations using photos of the earth taken from the sky at different altitudes. He noted that satellites have contributed to discovering natural resources through surveys and updating of maps. Mr. Majali added

that this seminar derives its significance from the fact that it concentrates on remote sensing for exploring natural resources, and particularly searching for water in Jordan. Thursday's opening session was addressed by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Khatib, who deplored for Prince Hassan.

In his opening speech, he outlined the importance of remote sensing as a means for discovering natural resources. Remote sensing, he said, is useful for pinpointing the sites where water, natural resources and minerals are hidden underground, enabling the authorities to tap them. Remote sensing is also a tool for predicting natural disasters and, thus, enables authorities to avert their serious consequences, the minister added.

The minister pointed out that Jordan is poor in natural resources but rich in skilled labour, which can master the use of modern technology, including remote sensing, for the purpose of development.

This seminar has been organised in order to enable Jordan to take advantage of scientific methods to tap its water and natural resources, Dr. Khatib stressed. He said that nearly 80 per cent of the Kingdom is regarded as desert land and contains untapped resources. More scientific knowledge is required so that these resources can be

exploited.

The minister expressed hope for further international cooperation, specially between advanced and developing countries for the sake of exploiting natural resources still concealed underground and, therefore, to help solve current economic problems with which many poor nations still suffer.

He also urged scientists and researchers to increase their cooperation in the drawing up of maps, with the help of remote sensing, to discover underground water. Dr. Khatib referred to Jordan's establishment of a remote sensing unit in 1985 with United Nations' help and said that this unit will offer training to personnel from Jordan and other Arab countries.

Addressing the opening session later was Dr. Majali, who also underlined the importance of remote sensing as an effective tool for discovering natural resources. The ISPRS president said in his speech that 75 nations are now members of this international society, including nine Arab countries. Taking part in the meeting are delegates from 18 Arab and foreign countries.

Following the opening session, Dr. Khatib opened an exhibition displaying equipment employed in the technique of remote sensing. Both the exhibition and the seminar are being held at the RJGC in Amman.

# Swedish photographers portray animals in natural environments

By Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A tour round the photographs of Sweden on exhibition this week at the Alia Art Gallery has the same effect on the mind and body as a long and refreshing walk in the country. The deep, rich greens of the pastures and forests, the blues of the ever-present rivers, lakes and waterways, the abundance and variety of wildlife, as well as the quality and extreme clarity of the photographs are as exhilarating as crisp mountain air — an air these shots almost exude.

The photographs are the work of a group of Swedish photographers called Naturfotograferna, which was established in 1966 to counteract the appearance of fake animal photography — the use of stuffed or zoo animals in natural surroundings — which had sprung up in Sweden, as well as in other countries.

Naturfotograferna work for the elimination of "photographic pollution," their prime ambition is not to take spectacular action photographs of animals; rather they seek to document the animal in its natural environment. They are very careful, at the same time, not to disturb the animals and, thus, they never take photographs of rare or easily-frightened birds at nest. The work of Naturfotograferna-N; and their environmentally aware approach, has stimulated the creation of similar associations in many other European countries.

Taken with different versions

of the Swedish Hasselblad camera — a camera built by Viktor Hasselblad to enable him to take better pictures of migratory birds — it is impossible to say which photograph is the most striking. Staffan Arvegard's picture of the amazing blue-green "Portion of cliffs shaped by the elements" vies with Tore Hagman's "Snow masses shaped by the wind" where the crystals of ice sparkle in the sun.

P. Roland Johanson's "Wintery Pine Forest," surreal in its clarity and depth of colour, catches the tall trees dressed in snow, their long, blue shadows emphasising their silence and mystery. The eeriness of this picture is matched only by that in Alf Lindenheim's "Birch Grove," where the tall, white, ghostly trunks of the trees stand row upon endless row like soldiers called to attention.

The shots of Sweden's many different birds are equally stunning.

These exceptionally well-taken and well-produced photographs, which provide a comprehensive view of the natural scenery of what must be one of the most beautiful countries of the world, form part of the Swedish Cultural Week which has been organised by the Swedish embassy here in Amman. The cultural week also includes an exhibition of Scandinavian books, which will be opened under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda today at 4:00 p.m. at the Jordan Book Centre.

# Hamzeh, Arab group attend int'l AIDS conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh, now in Paris to attend an international conference on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), met here with French ministers in charge of education, health and planning to discuss health cooperation between France and Jordan.

Earlier, the minister chaired a meeting of Arab delegates to the conference to discuss health measures for travellers in Arab countries, in addition to subjects on the international conference's agenda.

Dr. Hamzeh was appointed chairman of the Arab delegation to the conference during a meeting of the Council of Arab Health Ministers held in Baghdad at the beginning of October.

As Dr. Hamzeh left for Paris, a report by the Health Ministry revealed the discovery of 12 cases of AIDS in Jordan, eight of which are Jordanians, and the rest, foreigners who have left the country.

In a related development, doctors from the University of Jordan answered questions about AIDS at a Wednesday-evening conference.

# Randa Berouti exhibition opens tonight

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the patronage of Mrs. Leila Sharaf, an exhibition of the works of artist Randa C. Berouti opens this evening at the Petra Art Gallery.

The exhibition consists of water colour paintings and pencil drawings of still lifes and scenes from Amman and other parts of Jordan, as well as Beirut.

The exhibition opens at 6:00 p.m. (A review of the Randa C. Berouti exhibition will appear in Sunday's Jordan Times).

# Gunfire wounds eight at village wedding celebration

AMMAN (J.T.) — A wedding guest firing a burst of celebration gunfire dropped his Kalashnikov assault rifle and wounded eight people at a village in Jordan.

The North Badi chief of police told Al Ra'i Arabic newspaper the accident occurred at Jaber village near the northern town of Mafrq.

Official attempts to discourage gunfire at weddings are widely ignored, especially in the countryside where many families own weapons.

In Salt, the governor of Balqa, Mujib Al Khreisheh, has

approved a number of measures aimed at discouraging gunfire at weddings and other occasions. One of these measures calls for the imposition of a fine of JD 100,000 for use of firearms on such occasions, in addition to the penalty provided for in the law.

The governor also decided to ban the use of megaphones and public address systems and the use of car horns during wedding motorcades. These measures were announced on Thursday, after a meeting at the governorate attended by all provincial governors.

# More rain, decrease in temperature expected

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Department of Meteorology expects more rain and a decrease in temperature Saturday due to a depression centred over Cyprus.

The department director, Ali Abanda, said that the depression, which formed on Thursday, would continue to affect the coming 24 hours. He added that the depression was accompanied by a cold front that led to the formation of clouds and rainfall over most of the Kingdom, and particularly in the northern and central regions.

Mr. Abanda said that, in half an hour, 223 millimetres of rain fell on Wadi Al Yabes alone; other areas received different

levels of rainfalls. The Public Security Department (PSD) on Thursday issued a warning to motorists, citing poor visibility. The PSD said that Al Safawi Al Rweished Road in the eastern part of the Kingdom was closed due to the high level of precipitation.

PSD sources said on Friday that Jerash Bridge area was experiencing heavy rains and strong winds, and advised motorists to drive carefully along that road. In Haimamat Afra area in Tafleeh, the heavy downpour resulted in a landslide. Fifteen women who happened to be in the area were saved by teams from the Civil Defence.

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### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Friday's

#### Al Ra'i: Jordan backs Kuwait

KING Hussein call the Emir of Kuwait by telephone Thursday to express Jordan's total backing for his country in the face of Iranian aggression and to condemn Iran's treacherous actions. The Emir replied by voicing his appreciation of Jordan's solidarity with Kuwait at this crucial moment and by praising Jordan's stands. The King's attitude reflects a true national stand and an expression of national commitment to supporting Arab brothers faced with Iranian aggression. Iran is bent on escalating the tension and the conflict in the Gulf region and harming the Arab Order; and perhaps it is directing its efforts towards ruining the coming summit meeting in Amman. The Iranians perhaps think that their actions will intimidate the Arabs and will abort their meeting. These are hostile attitudes and a manifestation of aggressive nature on the part of Iran designed to threaten the Arab countries. What the Arabs ought to do now is to forego their differences and rise up to the level of the challenges. These Iranian acts of aggression should serve as motives for uniting Arab forces, pooling their resources and taking a firm stand that can deter the common enemy from committing further hostile actions.

#### Al Dustour: Supporting Kuwait

KING Hussein's show of support for Kuwait in the face of Iran's aggression is an expression of Jordan's solidarity with the Arab countries. In word and in deed Jordan has been coordinating its position with those of other Arab states and extending help whenever it is needed to Arab brothers everywhere. Jordan regards this new act of aggression on the part of Iran on Kuwait and its oil installation as one more step in Tehran's programme of escalating tension in the Gulf and involving other parties in the conflict. With this new act of aggression the Tehran regime has thus added one more black point to its long record of aggression and hostile actions against the Arab countries, proving once again the treacherous nature of the Iranian rulers. This attack on Kuwait opens the way for further deterioration in the situation in the Gulf that could lead to a total loss of security. This Iranian aggression directed against an Arab country and its economic interests is also bound to open the way for more foreign intervention in the Gulf region and to polarisation. It has become clear that Iran is intent on enlarging the circle of war and increasing threats to all countries of the region.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Murphy in Mideast

IT is not clear yet if Richard Murphy's current visit to the Middle East is complementary to a tour conducted earlier by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. We do not know yet if he is carrying new proposals that could persuade Israel to change its present position and abandon its intransigence as to the idea of an international peace conference. One has to wait and see whether the U.S. is exercising any pressure on Tel Aviv for accepting the idea of an international conference or whether Washington is going along with Israel's idea of rejecting the conference. If the U.S. fails to achieve peace in our region this will reflect negatively on its credibility world-wide since it is a superpower that should be working for the achievement of peace. The Middle East is an important region and considered as the key to peace in other parts of the world. Regardless of what the Americans' intentions are, one has to remember that the Israelis will continue to blow up all chances for establishing peace.

#### Thursday's

#### Al Ra'i: Shultz' failure

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz described his failure in talks during his recent Middle East tour by saying that he was not able to achieve any progress in the peace process. Instead of emphasising U.S. commitment towards the establishment of peace by being a superpower, Shultz said that his country feels that the Middle East region is in need of peace and that Washington would pursue its efforts to achieve that goal. What is clear to us from these statements is the fact that Washington is careful to deny the fact that Israel's actions constitute a real danger for peace and that such actions continue to abort all attempts aimed at establishing security and peace in the region. The real problem that the U.S. should address is Israel's refusal of peace bids and its denial of Palestinian people's rights and rejection of all calls for achieving peace with its neighbours. Israel continues to place obstacles in the path of peace, and it openly announces that it will not return any part of the land it has been occupying since 1967, and so it rejects the idea of an international conference and does not accept the idea of swapping land for peace. Therefore, it is not surprising to see Shultz announcing his failure to change Israel's position. Shultz met a failure of another kind during his latest trip when he failed to persuade the Arabs to abandon their position and their concept of the international peace conference.

#### Al Dustour: King's visit to Moscow

A Soviet invitation to King Hussein to visit Moscow before the end of the year represents another evidence of the eminent position the monarch assumes at international level. The King spearheads a most prominent role within the Arab World to find a just solution for the Middle East problem and end the Gulf conflict. Jordan, under King Hussein, has been assuming a diplomatic role that won the support and backing of the Soviet Union which had been calling for an international conference as a forum for implementing U.N. Security Council resolutions on the Middle East. With regard to the Gulf conflict, Jordan holds a similar view to that of the Soviet Union and vehemently calls for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to bring about peace to the Gulf region. The Soviet Union which continues to back the just causes of the Arab World has proved the years that it is a major power concerned with the establishment of genuine peace.

### VIEW FROM AMMAN

## Realities before the Arab summit in Amman

By Kamel Abu Jaber

"OH LORD have mercy on our leaders, guide them and have them have mercy on their people now and the destiny of our nation in the future". As I utter this prayer, my mind probes the Arab universe in an attempt to penetrate the mind and the heart of our people, so utterly confused not so much by the severity of the challenges we face but by our complete failure to respond adequately. As if our mind has detached itself from our body; so utterly oblivious to the torture and the pain it is currently undergoing. I am sure similar mute prayers are currently screaming in the mind and the heart of every Arab.

No miracles are expected though some rational steps should be taken in the right direction. That our twenty leaders, all of whom will hopefully, finally decide to come, will agree to meet regularly: once every one or two years to consider the mess we are in and the problems before us. That these meetings will take place though the ideological differences may appear vast for I, like millions of Arabs ask: "How can we ever aspire to have a responsible democratic dialogue on the popular level if twenty two people cannot?" It is not only sad but tragic that such a question need be posed in the first place.

In the heart of every Arab, the hope still lingers that some day the miracle of Arab unity will be achieved: One day in the future. For the moment all that is asked of our leaders is to lay aside their problems and conflicts and concentrate on the major problems threatening the very existence of our civilisation; to agree to set these problems aside while maintaining each country's claim to what it considers its right for the future, when the challenges may

not be so great. We do expect some rationality in the ordering of our affairs, our priorities. That is the least common denominator necessary for survival and it is truly not too much to ask. Remember that we are being chopped up and devoured while alive, piece by piece.

On October 20, 1987, just eighteen days before the summit, Iranian leaders threatened us and the world, that the war in the Gulf would continue until Iran gets what it wants. On the western front of the Arab World, Yitzhak Shamir, Premier of Israel, said that the Arabs must learn to live with the reality that Israel will not withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza and that Jerusalem is forever united. Both Israel and Iran and others are eating Lebanese flesh every day. In the south Sudan, a nation is in the process of being dismembered alive, and elsewhere, other problems and ugly realities emerge on a daily basis. Rich Arabs; poor Arabs; divided, disoriented; disorganised, some suffering physical famine others spiritual; none proud; all ashamed; all humiliated... these are other realities though mostly of our own making. Something must be done about all these realities: Those created by others and those created by ourselves.

A reconciliation leading to a political consensus, a united front on the major issues is something we expect. Egypt must be returned to the Arab fold and if the Arab World once reacted with anger against the Camp David agreements, the circumstances have drastically changed now. We can no longer afford to react or act ideologically, we must begin to act and react politically and rationally. Egypt's exclusion is neither rational nor can it be justified on at least two levels: One, in view of the current weakness

and dangerous exposure of the Arab World, militarily and otherwise in Egypt's absence and two, in view of its past as well as current positions on the major problems of the region. President Mubarak inherited a legacy not of his making and certainly not to his liking. He is not the late President Sadat. His, and Egypt's position vis-a-vis the international peace conference, the necessity of including the Palestine Liberation Organisation in any future negotiations, Egypt's stand on Lebanon as well as its position with regard to the Iran-Iraq war — all these factors make a rectification of the present estrangement an absolute necessity.

Surely the meeting of our leaders is in itself an event: An event that should be exploited to reconcile other major differences in the Arab World principally those between Syria and Iraq and those between Morocco and Algeria. Of course the gap is wide and the differences substantial, but in view of the greater danger facing the whole, and while each party maintains its claims for a future opportunity, the differences now must be bridged. The whole is bleeding everywhere rapidly sapping its strength and that of its component parts. Remember that there is a man-made famine in Lebanon: Lebanese die, Sudanese die, Palestinians die, Iraqis die and we too are slowly dying with them.

For a number of years now, King Hussein has been speaking out against the total collapse of the Arab security system. In his speech before the Egyptian Parliament on October 12, 1987, President Mubarak echoed the same thoughts. The imbalance, indeed the breakdown and thus the road to health and recovery cannot be effected without the submerging of particular interests and vendettas and the conclusion of reconciliation. That too is a reality.

## 40 Jewish groups versus the American Bill of Rights

By Richard Curtiss

WASHINGTON — "Jewish activists were jubilant over the administration's decision... to close the Washington office of the PLO," wrote Larry Cohler, a writer for the publication Washington Jewish Week last month, two days after the State Department ordered the closure on Sept. 15 of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Palestine Information Office (PIO) in Washington.

"But [the Jewish activists'] success in prodding a deeply divided State Department to take the unprecedented move came at the price of an agreement to forswear support for a congressional campaign to close the PLO's New York office as well."

"Some forty Jewish organisations pledged their commitment to that deal at a... meeting in New York that was a key factor in the State Department's willingness to take the plunge."

#### It's a 'deal'

The "deal" described so accurately above boils down to this: Members of 40 American-Jewish organisations are determined that their fellow American citizens

may hear only one side of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

The reason is clear. When Americans are asked whether Palestinians, like Israelis, should have a homeland of their own, those who answer yes always outnumber those who answer no.

That means some day Americans are going to realise that for the Palestinians to have that homeland, the Israelis must move out of it — specifically, the West Bank and Gaza.

When the Israelis do, and Jerusalem is internationalised, the Arab-Israeli dispute will be over. No more excuse to ask the U.S. taxpayer to keep a non-viable Israeli living at the standards to which it has become accustomed. Israelis will have to integrate their economy into that of the Middle East and start pulling their own weight, or the world Jewish community (meaning, of course, American Jews) will have to make up the difference.

Those 40 Jewish organisations, would much rather have things stay as they are, with American taxpayers making up the difference. That's why, with the PLO unambiguously talking peace at last, its information office in

Washington had to go.

It was to be done through Congress, but presidential candidates and other congressional supporters of Israel were overzealous. They introduced bills that also included closing the PLO observer mission in New York. That would involve the U.S. telling the U.N. who could and could not become a member. The world organisation wouldn't stand for it, and neither would the majority of the American people if they ever found out what was going on.

Thus the "deal" with State — "pre-emptive capitulation," as one diplomat called it. The State Department, which had long refused to grant the Palestine Information Office the foreign-mission status that would entitle it to diplomatic privileges and State Department protection, suddenly granted it that status. And then, exercising its right to regulate foreign missions, State ordered the PLO to close within 30 days.

Flanked by an attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union on one side and representatives of Arab-American groups on the other, PLO director Hasan

Abdel Rahman, an American citizen, illustrated the ridiculousness of the order at an overflowing press conference the next day.

#### Ridiculous situation

"If I stand on the sidewalk and tell people that the PLO wants peace, that's all right. If I come into this office, pick up the telephone, and tell anyone the same thing, that's not."

He vowed not to break the law, but instead to contest the legality of the State Department order.

When a shrewd journalist asked whether he thought some 40 Arab or Muslim countries would close U.S. information centres in their countries, he ignored the question. Perhaps he knows that's exactly what those 40 Jewish organisations want, misunderstanding, hatred, violence and eventually isolation of Americans everywhere in the Middle East — except Israel.

How ironic that these "mainstream" Jews, weak and struggling for their rightful place in the American system as recently as 50 years ago, now seem determined to close that system entirely to a newer and weaker group,

the Arab Americans, even if they pervert the American system and weaken or destroy America itself in the process.

Hasan Abdel Rahman spoke calmly and rationally and seemed less angry than the U.S.-born Americans flanking him.

Perhaps that's because it's an

American, not a Middle Eastern, issue. It's our First Amendment, our constitutional freedom of speech and association.

We are the people who believe that so long as one group is deprived of its rights, no group is secure — The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs.

## LETTERS

### Friendly answer

To the Editor:

MY THANKS to Jasmin Tours for their "friendly advice" (Letter to the Editor, Jordan Times, Oct. 18, 1987). In our industry, a prey to many acts of God — and man as well — we need all the advice we can get, especially from the U.K.'s leading specialist tour operator to this country.

Unfortunately, though, we feel that our friend's advice was more condescending than friendly. Jasmin should have given credit where credit is due, namely:

The Ministry of Tourism has been participating in most of the important trade shows for the last seven years. If I am not wrong, they have also provided very strong support to Jasmin Tours during the last 4 years.

Royal Jordanian has to cater to more than just the U.K. tour operators. Yet despite their "cheap" tourist airfares, they manage to offer a large number of free tickets to tour operators and, if I am not wrong, frequently hosted agents on behalf of Jasmin Tours. And we all know the effort, time and money that the national carrier invests in promoting this destination!

The hotels and travel agents carry more than their fair share of the burden of direct marketing, as well as supporting tour operators, such as Jasmin, in their efforts to send more guests to Jordan. Thousands of dinars are spent on sales trips to Europe and the U.S.A., on attending the six major trade fairs in the world; and much, much more is spent on hosting travel agents on familiarisation visits to Jordan.

There is no denying the fact that we can do with more heads in Petra. Certainly, not unlike all destinations in this part of the world, we receive more visitors from the Western world during Christmas, Easter and a few weeks here and there in the year. But surely Jasmin Tours must realise that they themselves, not unlike all other tour operators worldwide, have seasons where their business peaks. What Jasmin Tours has failed to consider is the number of visitors from other parts of the world this country welcomes during the "slack" periods from the west.

Jasmin Tours has raised some valid points when seen from the angle of Jasmin's own interests. This country, however, must cater to many other tour operators from many other countries.

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## Arab cultural heritage in the U.S. celebrated in local ethnic festivals

The following article is reprinted from the Washington based ADC Times, published by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC).

ALL AROUND the U.S. this summer, Arab-Americans were proudly celebrating their heritage as a number of Arab ethnic festivals. First, second and third generation Arabs from all over the Middle East were working together as Americans in an effort to preserve a similar culture and heritage. Individuals, businesses, religious and political groups donated time and money to make these functions a success.

Despite the often negative stereotypes of Arabs in the U.S. today, Arab ethnic festivals prove that many Arab-Americans are neither afraid nor ashamed to show their identities to the public. Offering a variety of food, music, fashion shows and dancing, these festivals give thousands of Arab-Americans the chance to strengthen their cultural identities while sharing them with their communities.

Three Arab festivals are spotlighted in this issue for their unique contributions to their communities.

Over 150,000 people gathered in Detroit on June 26-28 to attend the 16th Annual Arab World Festival, the largest Arab-American cultural event in North America. This year's theme was "One History-One Culture," to emphasize the common background, heritage and pride that Arab-Americans share.

More than 18 organizations and 300 individuals worked together to promote Arab culture through cooking and the arts. Included in the entertainment programme was the Yemeni Folklore Troupe, and in addition, musical instruments from the Arab World such as the oud and the derbeck were displayed and demonstrated by the Cultural Gallery.

Supported by Arab-American groups of Jordanian, Palestinian, Lebanese, Iraqi, Yemeni, and Syrian descent, the Arab World Festival attracts both assimilated and non-assimilated Arabs from

all over the Greater Detroit area. Jumana Judeh, the public relations director for the festival, described the event as "beautiful." Judeh is already working on next year's theme for the festival, which will focus primarily on assimilated Arab-Americans and their contributions to American society.

A few miles out of Detroit into the suburbs, Dearborn residents had their own celebration. Sponsored by the Arab Community Centre for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), the Arab Folk Festival, held on August 14-16, attracted over 10,000 people a night.

Festival-goers had the chance to sample some of the finest Arabic cuisine in the area, prepared by the community's finest restaurants. In addition, music and dancing were provided by a variety of musicians and dance troupes, including the Yemeni Folklore Troupe, Guldinger, and baladi dancing by Aziza.

ACCESS also helped sponsor Arab folk art workshops during the festival, at which traditional Arab craftspeople demonstrated their skills of weaving, embroidery, calligraphy and storytelling.

Surrounded by heavy industry, Dearborn has a population made up mostly of non-assimilated Arab-Americans who first came to this country at the turn of the century. Dearborn's Ford Motor plant employed over 90,000 people in the 1930s-1940s, and the city became one of the most popular in America for Arab immigrants to get started. Even today, 3,000-10,000 Arabs still arrive in Dearborn each year.

According to Sally Howell, who chairs the entertainment committee for the Arab Folk Festival and is cultural arts coordinator for ACCESS, most of these immigrants settled in Dearborn as refugees, then once they became established, moved to other areas around Detroit.

Howell's only complaint had to do with the small number of non-Arab participants at the festival. It is her belief that a strong anti-Arab feeling in the area contributes largely to this low attend-

ance. "I've overheard several people say, 'Why would I want to go hang out with a bunch of greasy, smelly Arabs?' These types of stereotypes still exist around here."

But in New Mexico, where nearly 40 per cent of the population is of Hispanic descent, there seems to be more tolerance for people of different ethnic backgrounds. At a recent Arab festival sponsored by the American-Arab Federation of New Mexico, this tolerance was apparent.

Attracting about 8,000 people of different ethnic backgrounds, the Arab Festival in Albuquerque on July 25 proved a huge success. Sponsored by various members of the Jordanian, Palestinian, Lebanese, Egyptian and Syrian communities, six booths were set up at the town's civic plaza offering food, dancing, music, a

fashion show and belly dancing. In addition, ADC and the Federation had their own booths to attract new members and distribute literature.

The community's support of the festival was highlighted by special appearances by Congressman Marwan Najjar, Judge Bill Reridan and Mayor Ken Schultz.

According to ADC's Sharif Rabadi, who helped organize the event there was little or no anti-Arab prejudice in Albuquerque. "All people live here in peace on a daily basis," he said. "Jews, Arabs, Hispanics: We all live and work together."

He says the festival gives the Arab community a chance to show others a part of the world that they know little about. It also gives the rest of the community a chance to "learn by participation," he said.

### Battling belly dance stereotype

THE "BELLY DANCE" as depicted in night clubs and films — a collection of sensual and provocative gyrations — is but a crude offshoot of a dance form that is both ancient and diverse. It is generally accepted that belly dancing began some 3,500 years ago in the eastern Mediterranean region, probably Egypt, where it is seen and described in ancient paintings and sculpture. The characteristic rhythmic contractions of the belly dancer were, according to some writers, originally performed by women to remind a village sister giving birth to use her abdominal muscles to aid the process.

According to Sarah Cummings of the University of Richmond, belly dancing "is not a dance done by prostitutes and sexually frustrated women. Instead, it is a form of creative expression. The dance 'symbolises rebirth and a woman's ability to bear children.'"

The dance remained largely performed at weddings and birthdays until the Ottoman conquest of Arab lands in the early 16th century. According to one theory, it was at this point that the movements became exaggerated (and more skin revealed) to appease, or perhaps enhance, the prurient interests of feudal Ottoman lords. The dance lost much of its innocent sensuality as women began to be exploited as sex objects, and hence that which was promoted as "Arabic dance" bore little resemblance to its predecessor as practised in the villages. This in turn led to the association of the dance with immorality and as such its ritual aspect began to die out. It was even seen by some Arabs as unpatriotic to practise belly dancing because of the way in which the Ottoman occupiers had corrupted it on a large scale.

Many Arab-Americans object to the association of the rags 'baladi' (native dance) with lewd and lascivious behaviour. Some see the image of the scantily clad woman pandering to an audience as reinforcing the stereotype of the Arab preoccupied with all things sexual when in fact, the dance as popularly practised has little or nothing to do with genuine Arab culture — ADC Times.

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Sun. — Oct. 25, 1987

8:30 Charles in Charge

9:10 Doc. — The Story of Fashion

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After the post-war shock of Dior's New Look, the story of fashion looks at the influences that have shaped our era — the monochromatic elegance of the existentialists — the rise of ready to wear and the growth of fashion as huge international business. It shows the new breed of fashion designers — superstars as well-known as old fashioned film stars used to be.

10:20 The Love Boat

11:10 The Equalizer

Joyride

Mon. — Oct. 26, 1987

8:30 Kate and Allie

9:00 Doc. — Communications

Books

Knowledge for all. Writing as a style of information. The role of the Mayas, Egyptians and Sumerians in the development of writing.

9:10 Falcon Crest

Conundrum

10:20 Tusitala

Tue. — Oct. 27, 1987

8:30 Brush Strokes

Lionel is determined to end Jack-o's relationship with his daughter Lesley — but a chance meeting with brother Reg may just do the job for Jack. But, of course, he does not know that.

9:10 Remington Steele

Premium Steele

10:20 Liszt

1811-1886

A portrait in music of the virtuoso Romantic pianist and composer, Franz Liszt, focusing on his final years and his last compositions, in particular *La Lugubre Gondola*. The film first looks back on his illustrious life as a performer, court musical director, conductor and composer, travelling between Paris, Weimar and Rome — a figure so famous that his portrait was printed on soap and on ladies' gloves.

Wed. — Oct. 28, 1987

8:30 Valerie

9:10 Doc. — Horses

10:20 Dorothy L. Sayers

Mysteries



Feature film — Oklahoma: Sat. at 10:20.

Have His Carcase

Part one

Lord Peter Wimsey has fallen in love with Harriet, but she, although immensely grateful to him, is still too upset by Philip's death and trauma of the trial to return his feelings. To hasten her recovery from the ordeal, she decides to go on a walking holiday in the West Country, but this proves to be far from restful.

Almost as soon as she arrives in Cornwall she discovers a body — a young man, with his throat cut, lying on the beach near a gentle watering-place. Harriet is sure he has been murdered, but all evidence points to suicide and the 'professionals' believe he killed himself.

11:10 Haward Confessions

Thur. — Oct. 29, 1987

8:30 Life's Most Embarrassing Moments

9:10 Indelible Evidence

Gastlight

Douglas Scott, a physics lecturer, bicycled along a country lane at four o'clock in the morning. He had just murdered his wife, and was secretly returning two cylinders of carbon monoxide gas to his university. Six hours later he told the police that faulty gas appliances in their caravan had poisoned them both. It was a tragic accident and the police let him go. The following day, his wife was cremated, and Scott was sure he had committed the perfect crime. But the intervention of forensic scientist Dr. Les King

was to lead to his undoing.

10:20 Feature Film

Ghost Story

Starring:

Fred Astaire

Melvyn Douglas

Former college acquaintances spend a weekend at a country house, and one of them is drawn into tragic events of forty years before.

Fri. — Oct. 30, 1987

8:30 Late Expectations

Financial problems abound for all. Shocked at discovering just how much the new baby will cost, Ted decides the children must go to work. George has his own methods of raising money, whilst Ted sinks deeper into emotional debt.

9:10 Against The Wind

10:20 Supertrain

A very Formal Heist

Starring:

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Peter Lawford

Supertrain is the scene for a fund raising charity ball. The train is loaded with wealthy socialites. On board a thief plans to make the big heist... in a way that he'll never get caught. En route engine trouble adds to the adventures as the crew must track down the thief before they reach Los Angeles... or the thief walks away.

### King urges world community to strengthen U.N.

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and the tragic situation in Lebanon.

"We are positive that the international community, especially those countries entrusted with special responsibilities in accordance with the U.N. Charter, are capable of preserving international peace and security and to work towards solving these conflicts in accordance with international legitimacy."

The King said Jordan, which joined the U.N. in 1955, had sought from the very beginning to fully adhere to the objectives of the world body and to abide by its charter and called on other countries to respect the U.N. Charter so that the aspired goals and aspirations of the world body could be achieved.

The King praised the noted achievements and services offered by the U.N., its institutions and specialised agencies and underlined their contributions in the fields of education, health, agriculture and fight against desertification and drought.

The King pledged Jordan's continued support for the U.N.

and said: "Jordan will remain committed to the U.N. Charter and will always be an advocate of love and welfare as well as adherence to the noble ideals embodied in the U.N. Charter. Jordan will also remain faithful to the U.N. message, which converges with our original Arab values and our monotheistic message."

The King also reviewed the historical background of the U.N., noting that its establishment followed World War II with the aim of establishing peace and working towards settling international problems through peaceful means. He also noted that the U.N. Charter includes the core of the "noble humanitarian goals which the world nations have always sought to achieve to provide optimal opportunities of life for the mankind and safeguard the future of new generations."

In a statement issued in Tunis on the occasion of the U.N. anniversary, which falls today, the Arab League called on the international community to shoulder its responsibility towards implementing U.N. resolutions on the Palestinian question,

the Israeli-occupied Arab territories, the Iran-Iraq war, South Africa's policy of racial segregation and independence for Namibia.

In the statement, the Arab League voiced its willingness to contribute to any serious effort to implement U.N. resolutions on all just causes and said it adheres to the principle of establishing peace in accordance with the U.N. Charter.

The Arab League expressed regret that the U.N. had been able to achieve peace in many parts of the world and criticised those regimes "which have stood as obstacles in the face of peace efforts in certain regions."

The Arab League assailed Israel for its oppressive measures against the Arabs under occupation, the Jewish state's occupation of part of Lebanon and its rejection of all peace efforts, including the Arab call for an international conference on the Middle East.

The Arab League statement deplored Iran's escalation of its war with Iraq and Tehran's rejection of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598.

### Kuwait boosts defences

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flew over Faylakah, before it blasted a tanker off Al Ahmadi. The weapon used then was believed to be a shoulder-fired, Soviet-made Strela with a range of only three kilometres.

According to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, Kuwait has four batteries of Hawks, each with four missile launchers. They have been deployed at airports and other sensitive installations.

The United States, upset for months about China's sale of Silkworm missiles to Iran, put a freeze Thursday on the types of high-technology items the Chinese can purchase in the United States.

Diplomats said the Iranian missile attack would top the agenda at a meeting in Saudi Arabia on Saturday of foreign ministers from the GCC, comprised of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The United States also expressed diplomatic support for Kuwait but made clear it would go no further in this case.

U.S. officials in Washington said there would be no military retaliation against Iran in this case because it was outside the rules of engagement for the U.S. military forces in the Gulf. "You know the rules," one Washington official told Reuters. "We protect U.S. shipping and U.S. forces."

The State Department said the Iranian missile attack against Kuwait amounts to naked aggression against a non-belligerent neighbour and calls for immediate attention from the international community.

"We condemn Iran's naked aggression and expect the international community will move urgently to address the situation," Phyllis Oakley, deputy department spokesman, told reporters.

"This is the third missile attack by Iran against Kuwaiti territory in a week and is the latest blatant Iranian aggression against a non-belligerent state," Oakley noted.

In calling for a quick response from the international community, Oakley reiterated that tension in the Gulf is caused by the Iran-Iraq war and stressed that United Nations Security Council Resolution 598, which demands an immediate ceasefire, "offers the best approach to ending the war through negotiations."

### Moscow talks produce no progress on Mideast

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in the process during stops in Israel and Egypt earlier this week. He also met with King Hussein in London.

Efforts to bring about Mideast peace talks have stalled until now "and more and more the world has been uttered that we should form an international group to help them come together and bring peace," Mr. Reagan said.

Mr. Shamir on Friday denied reports that he was ready to enter peace talks under joint U.S. and Soviet sponsorship.

In a radio interview on Friday he said: "I cannot tolerate the word 'sponsorship.' We are not a protective state of anybody."

"I repeat what I always say,

that peace between Israel and Arab states will come from direct negotiations between Israel and its neighbours, without the involvement of any foreign element."

Newspaper reports in Israel said Mr. Shamir had softened his opposition to a Soviet role in Middle East peace negotiations and would agree to a U.S.-Soviet "umbrella" for talks.

Mr. Shamir declined to confirm that he had changed his position. He also rejected the idea that his statement in parliament on Monday saying that the Soviet Union had legitimate interests in the Middle East reflected a shift in his attitude.

"I didn't say I give any specific role to the Soviet Union," he

said. "I told (former Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei) Gromyko some years ago we were willing to discuss the Middle East with them... if they held normal relations with us and changed their policy towards Jews."

He was referring to the Arab call for an international conference under the auspices of the two superpowers and the other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

The United States had initially opposed that route, reluctant to grant the Soviets a foothold in the peace process. In view of the continuing stalemate, "we finally have gone to explore that" option, Mr. Reagan said, but "so far Israel prefers not to go that route."

### Superpowers fall short of full accord

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Mr. Shultz indicated the Soviet side had wanted at least an outline agreement on principles for a strategic nuclear arms and space weapons treaty to be ready for a summit.

In a reference to President Ronald Reagan's strategic defence initiative (SDI), Mr. Shultz said: "We will not give up our efforts to learn to defend ourselves against ballistic missiles... the president is very deter-

mined on this point." Touching on space weapons, the secretary said both sides had put forward various proposals. "But they don't seem quite compatible. Maybe our objectives aren't compatible."

Moscow strongly opposes SDI, the "Star Wars" plan for a partly space-based anti-missile defence.

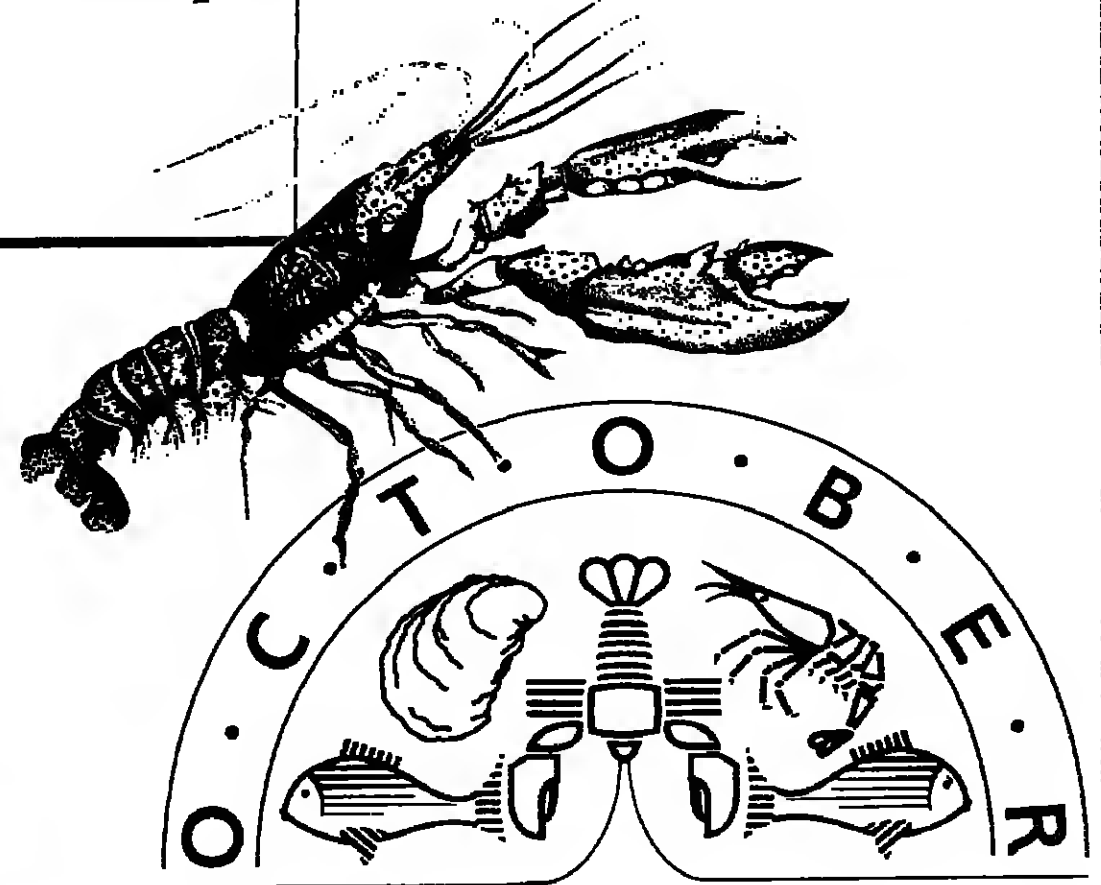
Asked where the superpowers went from here, Mr. Shultz said: "We will continue to make efforts to make progress."

He said discussions on the near-completed INF treaty would continue in Geneva. The main outstanding problems, he said, were in the field of verification.

Mr. Shultz said Mr. Gorbachev had told him he would be sending a letter to Mr. Reagan soon. He said he did not know the contents of the letter.

Mr. Shultz emphasised he had come to Moscow well prepared and with a full staff of experts ready to negotiate.

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# Ex-jockey gaoled for tax evasion

IPSWICH, England (AP) — Eleven-time former champion jockey Lester Piggott was jailed for three years Friday after pleading guilty to evading income tax on £3.1 million (\$5.1 million) of earnings.

A successful trainer since retiring from racing in 1985, 51-year-old Piggott was sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court, where prosecutor Anthony Hidden said the case involved a "massive evasion of corporation and income tax over a period of more than ten years."

The judge, Sir Donald Farquharson, said he could not overlook deliberate failure to report revenue when less affluent taxpayers were paying their taxes in full.

He fined Piggott "nominal" sums of £5,000 (\$8,350) on each of five charges.

Piggott, who rode some 5,000 winners around the world during a 38-year career and amassed a record 29 victories in the English classic races, sat impassively in the dock as Hidden described his "deliberate and persistent failure... to disclose to the Inland Revenue the true level of his

income, and that of his company L.K. Piggott Ltd."

## No emotions

He showed no emotion when he heard the sentence.

The former jockey, who lives close to the famous Newmarket Racecourse in south-east England, also had failed to declare business interests in the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, the Isle of Man, Jersey and Dublin, Hidden said.

"This defendant is a household name in Britain and elsewhere, and he had a magnificent career in racing, and it is sad that he should find himself here in the Crown Court facing serious charges," Hidden said.

## Chances run out

Piggott had escaped prosecution during two previous Inland

Revenue investigations after agreeing to repay the money he had not declared. A settlement was reached in 1983 with the Inland Revenue on basis that Piggott had made a full disclosure of his tax affairs, the prosecutor said.

"Sadly, he had not," Hidden told the judge. "Settlement was made on a false basis. He failed to reveal the true extent of his income."

"It has regrettably to be said there is a theme running through his dealings with the Inland Revenue. His persistent failure to make a disclosure of his income to the Inland Revenue on a number of occasions, and subsequent investigations have shown his disclosures were very far from the truth."

Hidden said Piggott had repaid the Inland Revenue the full amount of unpaid tax and interest.

But he had not revealed a full picture of his undisclosed income until December 1986, months after the Inland Revenue investigation started, Hidden told the

court.

Defence lawyer John Mathew said that although Piggott was an incomparable genius as a horseback who had dominated his profession for 30 years, he found it difficult to communicate largely because of deafness since birth and a speech impediment.

"Away from horses, he is a man of limited intellectual capacity... which may well have been lowered more in recent years by a degree of brain damage resulting from head injuries caused by substantial bad falls," Mathew told the judge.

## 'Thrifty person'

He described Piggott as thrifty person, who looked after every penny. He never spent any of the money that should have been paid in tax and it was all there in the end, Mathew said.

"He was a boarder, not a spender and, in reality, he did not really need the money," Mathew told the judge. "He now finds his conduct in respect of these matters really impossible to explain."

## Gymnasts risk too much at injury-ridden championships

ROTTERDAM (R) — American Tim Daggett's broken leg and a spate of other injuries to stars at the World Gymnastics Championships this week have provoked arguments that the sport is becoming too risky as competitors strive for perfection.

"Some of the gymnasts are getting crazy out there," said another United States team member, Scott Johnson, after Daggett broke two bones in a freak accident on Thursday when making what looked to be a perfect landing from a vault.

"It is almost inhuman what is going on," Johnson added.

Daggett, a member of the American gold medal-winning men's team at the 1984 Olympics Games, is one of several top gymnasts who have hurt themselves trying spectacular but difficult vaults and dismounts during the competition here.

In the same session of the men's team competition, China's Li Ning was forced to pull out of two exercises after twisting his right ankle in a vault landing.

European champion Valery Lyukin was carried off the high bar platform by the Soviet coach after aggravating a foot injury dismounting with a triple back somersault.

"Tim's accident was unlucky but there are going to be more and more injuries as people keep trying more," said Johnson, who himself took part in the team event despite a foot injury.

Since the gymnastics boom of the 1970s, the sport has become more acrobatic with increasingly complex movements introduced at almost every major championships.

## Reid takes lead in Tucson Open golf tourney

TUCSON, Arizona (AP) — Mike Reid is not overly concerned with his unusual position on the PGA tour. He's collected more than \$1 million in career earnings without winning a tournament.

"It seems like that's all anybody wants to ask me about," the American said Thursday after an 8-under-par 64 had provided him with the lead in the uncompleted first round of the \$600,000 Tucson Open Golf Tournament.

Ten players were stranded by darkness on the new TPC course at Star Pass and were unable to complete their rounds. They were scheduled to return at daylight Friday to finish first-round play.

Nooe appeared to have any chance of overtaking Reid.

"I just keep plugging along. Someday it's going to happen," said Reid, who led through rounds in the Westchester Classic

then faded to fourth with a poor last round earlier this season. "It's not so terrible," he said. "You have to keep your priorities in order. It isn't an unpleasant life. No one put a gun to your head and forced you to come out here. It's a pretty good life."

"I'm doing the best I can, and I think I ought to just be happy to be able to do that," Reid said. "Of course, winning is something I'd like to do. It'll happen. In time. Sometime. It'll happen," he said.

He took a step in that direction with the bogey-free effort that included an unusual mastery of the par-5 holes for the short-hitting Reid, who weighs just 150 pounds (68 kilograms). He birdied them all.

"I manhandled them," he joked. "I don't usually play the par-5s like that. It was kind of fun."

## 'Lucky' Real targets 8th league triumph

MADRID (R) — Real Madrid seeking their eighth consecutive Spanish League victory, must recover quickly from their lucky but exhausting European Cup win over Porto before playing Valencia at home on Sunday.

A last minute goal by Manuel Sanchez gave Real a 2-1 edge Wednesday night over the Portuguese champions, who gave them more problems than any team they had played previously this season.

"I'm shattered and that's natural. You have to remember that we had to put in a double effort when we were 1-0 down," said Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez, who scored the equaliser. Valencia, fourth in the league, have been one of Spain's strongest teams this season and this could be the match where Real lose their magic touch.

Barcelona, beginning a slow recovery and fourth from bottom

after winning away against Sahadell last weekend, go into their home match against Real Mallorca with a new confidence. After their 2-0 UEFA Cup win over Dynamo Moscow.

One of the most interesting matches of the weekend will be John Toshack's Real Sociedad, who drew 1-1 with Dynamo Minsk in their Cup Winners Cup tie on Wednesday, at home to Luis Meootti's third-placed Atletico Madrid.

## Napoli tops table

To Italy, League leaders Napoli are the only top team out smarting from a poor performance in European competition on Wednesday — but only because they were knocked out of the European Cup by Real Madrid in the first round.

## 'Milan like Wall Street'

Both Milan teams lost at home to modest opponents. A.C. Milan's 2-0 defeat to Espanol of Spain and Internazionale's 1-0 loss to Turun of Finland prompted a headline in the main sports paper Gazzetta dello Sport: "Milan like Wall Street."

On Sunday A.C. Milan are away to Verona — the only Italian side who did not lose in

midweek European games. Both are currently on six points in the league, four behind Napoli.

Inter and Juventus, who clash Sunday, also have six points. Welsh striker Ian Rush was kicked in the ankle early during Juventus' 1-0 UEFA Cup defeat by Panathinaikos, but hopes to be ready to play.

But the highlight match in Italy is between second-placed Roma and Napoli. Diego Maradona, returned from a two-week rest and diet cure in northern Italy, trained with the Napoli squad looking fit and relaxed but midfielder Salvatore Bagni is still suffering from a painful knee problem and may not play.

Roma will probably be without West German striker Rudi Voller, who has a back injury and has been undergoing treatment in Germany.

## France

In France there is also a clash Saturday between the top two — Monaco and Nantes, neither having been involved in this week's European action.

Nantes cut Monaco's lead to three points last Saturday by defeating high-flying First Division newcomers Niot 2-1 while Monaco suffered their first reverse in two months, beaten 1-0 by Matra Racing Club in Paris.



THE TALLEST HITS THE BALL: Ramth-a's defender Mohammad Khazalei leaps to head the ball off his team's net in a Premier League heat against Addufoin. The match, played Friday at the Irbid Stadium, ended with a 1/1 draw. A

scheduled soccer tie within the same championships between Amman and Al Hussein Clubs was postponed Friday due to heavy rains in Amman (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

## New Zealand edges Zimbabwe in cricket

CALCUTTA (Agencies) — New Zealand again made heavy weather of beating Zimbabwe in a Group A World Cup match here on Friday, needing an heroic innings of 88 not out by their captain Jeff Crowe to see them home by four wickets with 14 balls to spare.

Watched by an Eden Gardens crowd of 50,000, more than any of the players can have performed in front of before, New Zealand reached 228 for six off the fourth ball of the 48th over after Zimbabwe had made a modest 227 for five.

When New Zealand lost Martin Crowe for 58 to make the score 125 for four in the 29th over and then slipped to 158 for five in the 38th over, a Zimbabwean victory became a distinct possibility.

But Jeff Crowe, admirably composed, negotiated his team through the final tense stages and fittingly struck the winning blow off Malcolm Jarvis. He faced 105 balls and hit eight fours during his two-hour stint under a fierce sun.

## Indians beat Aussies

In New Delhi, India overcame a stiff challenge from Australia to win by 56 runs in their Group A second round match here Thursday.

Chasing India's highest World Cup score of 289 for six wickets, the Australian batsmen began in right earnest, scoring 86 for the first wicket.

However, after the dismissal of Geoff Marsh and David Boon they went into a shell. The repeated successes of the Indian bowlers put additional pressure on the Australians, and their middle order collapsed.

India will retain cricket's World Cup by beating Pakistan in the final in Calcutta on Nov. 8, says an Indian astrologer.

Girdharilal Sarangi said he had studied the teams' horoscopes based on an interaction of the sun's rays with the elements. "Using this formula I have successfully predicted earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural calamities," said Sarangi.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Kasparov appears in TV commercials

SEVILLE, Spain (R) — World chess champion Garry Kasparov made his television commercial debut in the west on Thursday by appearing in a soft drinks advertisement in Spain. In the commercial Kasparov, 24, is seated at a chess board with an elegantly dressed woman at his side and opens a bottle of tonic water using the head of a chess piece. The 20-second advertisement will run on Spanish television for two months after the world title match now being played in Seville between Kasparov and former champion Anatoly Karpov.

### Poland's 50's record runner dies

WARSAW (R) — Jerzy Chromik, three times world record-holder in the 3,000-metre steeplechase, died in the southern Polish city of Katowice at the age of 56, according to local press reports on Thursday. The Polish runner set the records in 1955 and 1958, his best time coming during a 1958 Polish-U.S. meeting in Warsaw when he clocked eight minutes 32 seconds. He also became European champion the same year. After ending his athletic career, Chromik worked as a mine engineer in a Silesian colliery.

### Roche competes in Tokyo road race

TOKYO (AP) — Led by Stephen Roche of Ireland, this year's winner of the Tour de France, the world's most prestigious cycling race, a field of 50 cyclists will compete in an international road race in Japan in November, organisers said Friday. The race, dubbed "Super Criterium 87" will be held on the government-run Showa Memorial Park in Tokyo, Nov. 22, they said. The cyclists from 10 nations — France, Italy, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, the Netherlands, Colombia, Japan, South Korea and China are expected to compete in the race, Japan's first such kind of race, according to the organisers.

### 'Sugar Baby' to make first title defence

MIAMI (R) — Jesus "Sugar Baby" Rojas of Colombia will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) super flyweight title, for the first time, in a 12-round bout against Argentine Gustavo Ballas here on Saturday. Rojas has held the crown since August 8 when he defeated Santos Laciari of Argentina by unanimous decision. He said Thursday: "I still don't feel like the world champion." "When I make four or five successful defences, I'll start to realise what I have accomplished." The 25-year-old Colombian, who now fights out of Miami, has a record of 30-0-1 with 18 knockouts during his five years as a professional.

### New sponsor for Europe's richest horse race

PARIS (R) — Italian hotel group CIGA signed a six-year agreement on Thursday to sponsor the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Europe's richest horse race. CIGA (Compagnia Italiana dei Grandi Alberghi), which takes over the sponsorship from British hotel group Trusthouse Forte, provides 25 million francs (\$4.12 million) under the accord with the Societe d'Encouragement, governing body of French horse racing. The agreement runs from 1988 to 1993 with a renewal option.

## 3 Heysel riots suspects freed

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — An appeals court Friday freed three of the 25 Liverpool soccer supporters held in connection with the Heysel riots that left 39 dead in May 1985.

They were identified as John Davies, 22, a house painter, Ronald O'Brien, 22, a machine operator, and Andre Sambar, 30, a foreman and father of four.

The 25 soccer fans, arrested in Britain on the basis of photographs and television films made during the riots, were extradited to Belgium on Sept. 9 and immediately imprisoned pending a trial not expected before next year.

According to Belgian law, the three must appear every month before a judge who must decide whether to free them or keep them in jail.

Belgian justice ministry sources wanted them to remain in prison, fearing they would flee the country if they were freed.

The 25 are charged with involuntary manslaughter. Thirty-nine people, most of them Italians, died in riots started by Liverpool fans before their European Cup final against Juventus Turin.

## N. Korea to postpone Olympic talks

TOKYO (R) — North Korea said that if South Korean presidential elections ended the South's "dictatorial regime" the two nations could enter one team in the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and end problems over hosting the event.

The chairman of the North Korean Olympic Committee, Kim Yu-Sun, said in a statement on Friday that talks on the North's demand to co-host the games should be postponed until after the December elections in the South.

Kim said his committee believed "that as long as the present military dictatorship regime exists in South Korea the prospect of the 24th Olympic Games looks gloomy and the co-hosting can never materialise."

His statement, carried by the North Korean Central News Agency and monitored in Tokyo, said that if a democratic force came to the power through the election "the situation will be changed."

"In that case, we would be able to participate in the Olympic Games by forming a single team with the South Korean side and the problem of the North-South co-hosting, too, can be solved smoothly," he said.

This week South Korea turned down a fresh North Korean call for bilateral talks before a fifth round of discussions on the hosting issue with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The IOC has been talking to the two sides since 1985 in an effort to stave off Pyongyang's threat to organise a Communist boycott of the games.

North Korea has been offered archery, table tennis, women's volleyball, the men's 100 km (60-mile) cycle road race and one soccer preliminary round, but has rejected that as insufficient.

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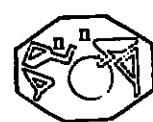
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# Insurers hike marine rates to Arab ports

LONDON (AP) — Insurance rates for cargoes to Gulf Arab countries were increased 50 per cent by London underwriters Thursday following an Iranian missile attack on Kuwait's offshore supertanker terminal earlier in the day. The war risks rating committee has ruled that the premiums should go up from 0.5 per cent of the value of a cargo to 0.75 per cent for cargoes moving to and from ports in Kuwait and northern Saudi Arabia. The committee acts for member companies of the Institute of London Underwriters and for marine underwriters in the Lloyd's of London insurance market. A Lloyd's spokesman said, "this latest increase means the cargo rate has doubled since the beginning of September." The rate before September was 0.375 per cent of the value of a cargo, and it was then put up to 0.5 per cent. The new rate became effective Friday.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following were the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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| One Sterling      | 1.6565/75     | U.S. dollars      |
| One U.S. dollar   | 1.3140/50     | Canadian dollar   |
|                   | 1.8050/60     | West German marks |
|                   | 2.0300/10     | Dutch guilders    |
|                   | 1.4955/65     | Swiss francs      |
|                   | 37.660/9      | Belgian francs    |
|                   | 6.0300/25     | French francs     |
|                   | 1303/1304     | Italian lira      |
|                   | 143.85/95     | Japanese yen      |
|                   | 6.3600/50     | Swedish crowns    |
|                   | 6.6200/50     | Norwegian crowns  |
|                   | 6.9225/75     | Danish crowns     |
| One ounce of gold | 472.20/472.70 | U.S. dollars      |

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equity prices continued to spiral downwards but were clear of earlier lows. Friday's factors included:

- 1 - Much better than expected U.K. trade news.
- 2 - A surprise half-point cut in domestic interest rates.
- 3 - A mere 20-point fall in early Wall Street trading.

"Although the market attempted to rally after the cut in interest rates and good trading news it remained very nervous and mark-ups were soon hit by selling," one dealer added.

The FTSE 100 at 1430 GMT Friday was down a net 51.5 points (2.8 per cent) at 1,781.7 after a low of 1,746.3 at 0957 GMT.

Friday's major news came in the form of an unexpected half point cut in U.K. base lending rates to 9 1/2 per cent by major U.K. clearing banks.

Equity dealers appeared stunned by the midday signal by the Bank of England that a half point drop in base rates was in order, and for a time dealing screens showed little activity.

Many economists here suspected that Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's move to cut rates may have been part of an international effort to stave off a world recession in the wake of this week's stock market crashes. But asked if the cut was to stop shares sliding, Mr. Lawson said "no. Not at all."

## YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll R. Fisher Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1987

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** This morning is an excellent time for dealing with repairs and other problems which can't be done during the week. Social affairs this evening can bring you many benefits if you are alert.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19):** If a newcomer comes into your life, be prepared to listen to new ideas, but reject those which you don't feel are plausible or desirable.

**Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20):** See some old friends today during your spare time, but don't neglect your urgent duties. Try to be more efficient in your routines.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21):** Be helpful and affectionate to your mate, and watch your budget carefully. Take it easy and get plenty of rest tonight.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21):** Handle all of your practical affairs during the day, but reserve the evening for your loved one. Be sure to drive carefully.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 23):** Handle civic matters this morning, and the evening will be fine for more intimate matters. Watch your financial situation carefully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23):** See an important person who can give you the assistance you need — both monetary and moral — to get a new project in motion.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23):** Try to be pleasant to your mate this morning. Contact an old friend you haven't seen for some time this evening. Drive carefully.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21):** A usually stubborn associate will see things your way for a change. Tonight is a perfect time for romance with your mate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** This morning is a fine time for running errands and handling correspondence. Spend the evening socializing with friends.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20):** You can get much accomplished with an associate for the coming week. Plan a recreation for your close friends and yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19):** Work on getting your home in order this morning. Tonight talk over future plans with your family and entertain some guests.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20):** You can communicate well with others this morning and will have an easy time getting your desk cleared. Be cautious in making investments.

# Chaos plagues world stock markets again

LONDON (R) — A pledge by President Reagan that he is resolved to correct the huge budget and trade deficits of the United States failed to rally stock exchanges, and shares fell again on Friday around the globe.

London's 100-share index at one point fell lower than at any time in the past week of turmoil, before rallying a bit on news of good British trade figures. Tokyo, the biggest exchange, ended the day with five per cent of its value wiped off.

Markets slid in reaction to new losses posted on Wall Street on Thursday. They took little immediate notice of news conference remarks by President Reagan, who indicated that he would consider higher taxes in the United States — something which many investors feel are needed to cut U.S. deficits, but which he has hitherto strongly opposed.

President Reagan called the stock market falls an overdue correction. He said: "This is purely a stock market thing, and there are no indicators out there of recession or hard times at all."

Market analysts' reactions were mixed. Some in New York called it encouraging, since President Reagan did say all possibilities including a tax hike would be considered. But a Tokyo broker said: "Reagan's wishy-washy comments did not help much."

Big Japanese institutional investors, whose buying helped Wall Street to its record highs in the "bull" or rising market that began in 1982, said they wanted clear signs that the United States is tackling its budget deficit.

Wall Street, meanwhile, continues to set the pace for other world markets.

The Tokyo 225-share index on Friday shed 1,203.23 points to end at 23,021.22, wiping out gains made on Thursday, after the New York Dow Jones industrial average, the Wall Street blue-chip share barometer, ended 77.42 points down on Thursday at 1950.43.

"It has nothing to do with the Japanese economy," said a Tokyo analyst. "But Wall Street tumbled when it looked like it would recover. It looked bad."

Sydney, particularly hit by the week's panic-selling, lost about seven per cent of its value to end 110.5 points down at 1,518.10.

"Confidence has been shattered and we are just hostages to Wall Street," said a broker there. As the sun rose on Europe, breakfast-time radio bulletins were saying how Japan and Australia had seemed disappointed by President Reagan's news conference.

London dealers said trading volume was initially thin but market-makers were marking prices sharply lower.

The most-watched London barometer, the Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 top shares, fell in two hours from 1,833.2 to 1,746.3 — just under its lowest in the entire week of global panic and about where it

ence by President Reagan received a generally critical response.

Some dealers expressed real disappointment, but others were a bit more sympathetic. "What else could Reagan do?" one said, adding that he had not been expecting any concrete new policies to cut the budget deficit.

The dollar slipped marginally overnight in Tokyo in response to President Reagan's remarks.

"But the currency market is just sitting back to see what happens on other markets," said a U.S. bank trader in London.

President Reagan announced a \$73 billion fall in the budget deficit in the last fiscal year up to the end of September, but acknowledged further reductions were needed.

He also said he was prepared to negotiate with Congress on everything except social security in order to make more cuts in the deficit. He declined to say specifically whether he would accept an increase in taxes.

"He's playing for time," said a London bank trader.

## Reagan appoints special task force

President Reagan on Thursday appointed a special three-person task force to examine the workings of the stock market following a week of chaotic declines.

The force, which will be headed by Wall Street investment banker, Mr. Nicholas Brady, will "examine stock market procedures and make recommendations on any necessary changes" over the next 30 to 60 days, President Reagan said.

Mr. Brady, a Republican, who is chairman of Dillon, Read and Co. Inc., a major securities firm, served in the Senate in 1982 to fill the unexpired term of former New Jersey Senator Harrison Williams who was convicted of accepting bribes.

The appointment of the special panel is the strongest action President Reagan has taken so far to deal directly with the sharp price swings and record trading volumes that have strained the stock market.

Investigations into the causes of the wild gyrations of stock market prices are also under way by the Securities and Exchange Commission and two congressional subcommittees.

## Banks cut leading rates

In another development several big U.S. banks announced on Thursday they were cutting the prime lending rate to 9.0 per cent from 9.25, effective immediately.

Industry analysts said the cut was a sign that rates around the world are falling as central banks try to help their economies cope with the deflationary impact of sharply lower stock market prices.

Prime rates usually follow the lead of money-market interest rates, which have declined sharply this week.

contracts based on the stock index since May last year. A futures holder agrees to buy or sell a contract based on the value of the stock index at a future date.

Futures contracts, now worth 180,000 dollars (\$23,000) each, lost more than 10 per cent of their value on Monday and further falls are expected once trading resumes.

The stock market will reopen on Monday but brokers said there were doubts that the futures market would also reopen then.

Traders normally pay 15,000 dollars (\$1,900) in cash per contract — only about eight per cent — with the rest on credit.

The futures exchange said that as of Monday, there were 37,707 net contracts outstanding, worth a total of 6.8 billion dollars (\$870 million).

Not all of those are likely to be defaulted upon but there is not much money available for possible problems. The only company that guarantees against futures defaults has only 22.5 million dollars (\$2.9 million) in capital and reserves.

Senior officials of the futures exchange declined to return repeated telephone calls.

Asked about the extent of the problem, deputy commissioner for securities and commodities, Mr. Derek Murphy, said: "We don't know yet. We are doing our best to get a complete picture."

Other brokers said that once trading resumes next week the exchange might have to raise the percentage of cash required for futures contracts.

"If they want to see this thing through, they'll have to do something to shore up confidence," a broker said.

## Japanese hail crash

In other comments, senior Japanese government officials said the market crash is likely to scare major nations into adhering to their already prescribed course for curbing the world's economic ills.

"Fantastic. The market gave us exactly what was needed," chuckled one senior Japanese government economist.

He said the crash, which saw U.S. stock prices dive 22 per cent in one day, has shown the markets have more faith in the

Louvre accord struck by major nations in February than do some of the economic policy-makers who participated in it.

"Wall Street really loves the Louvre agreement, better than (U.S. Treasury Secretary) James Baker or even Mr. (Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi) Sumita," he said.

Under the accord, countries with huge trade surpluses, like Japan and West Germany, agreed to stimulate their economies and increase imports. The U.S. promised to cut its huge budgetary shortfall and work to make its exports more competitive so as to reduce its giant trade deficit.

Until the market crash, however, all three nations had looked like they were inching away from those commitments. And that is one big explanation behind the market collapse.

In both Japan and West Germany, interest rates had been rising, fanning fears that would slow economic growth, economists said.

## Price of seats at New York Stock Exchange falls sharply

On top of all developments, the price of a seat on the New York Stock Exchange tumbled on Thursday.

Two Wall Street brokerages sold their seats for far less than they would have received just last week, before stock prices plunged dramatically.

An exchange spokesman confirmed that the seats were sold, and informed sources said the owners were caught short in this week's trading chaos.

An exchange spokesman said the seats were sold to raise cash short in this week's trading chaos. Spokesman Gary Miller declined to name the firms but said the seats were sold for \$750,000 and \$760,000 respectively — far less than the \$1.25 million paid for a seat just a week ago.

"These two today bring to three the number of seats sold since Monday," he said.

On Monday the Dow Jones industrial average fell 508 points in its biggest ever one-day drop. The seat sold on Monday went for \$860,000.

# Vatican expects record budget deficit

VATICAN CITY (R) — The Vatican said on Thursday that it expected a record budget deficit this year, but noted a big increase in financial contributions from Roman Catholics around the world.

Some details of the Holy See's financial situation were disclosed in a statement issued after meetings here of a commission of cardinals which the Pope appointed in 1981 to oversee church finances.

The statement said the Holy

See had revised its estimate for its 1987 deficit down to \$59.3 million from an earlier estimate of about \$63 million. The 1986 deficit was \$56.7 million.

But the revised estimate for 1987 is still the highest since the Vatican began releasing sparse figures about the Holy See's budget in 1981.

The budget covers the church's central administration, including departments for its social, religious and diplomatic affairs, its newspaper and radio station.

## Peanuts



## Mutt'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp

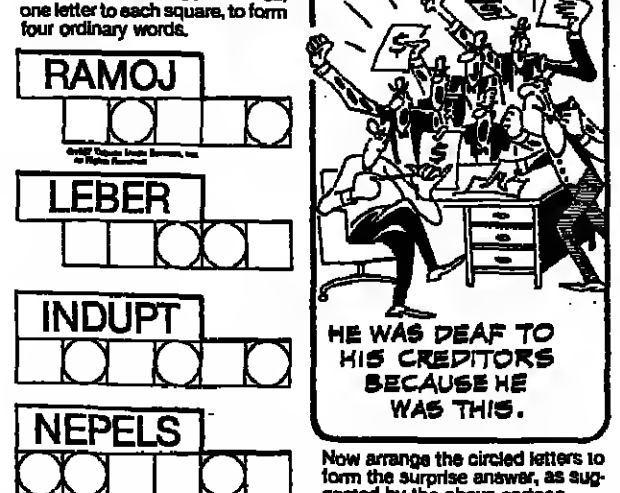


## THE BETTER HALF.



## JUMBLE.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

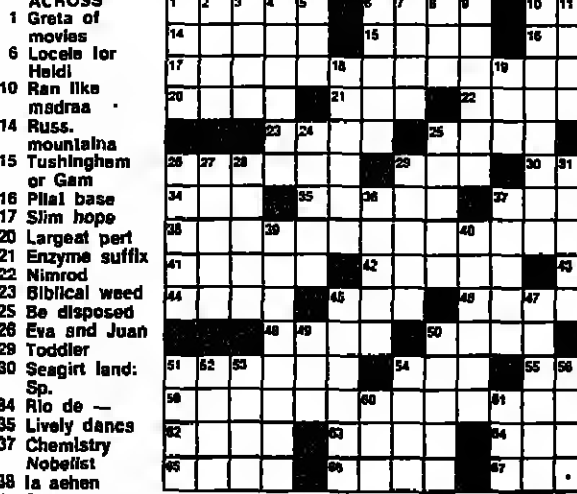
Answer: TO HIS MOOSE IN

Saturday's Jumble: OBESE GOOSE SCHEME CRAVAT

Answer: How can you tell a male moose from a female moose? — BY HIS "MOOSE-TACHE"

## THE Daily Crossword

by Elizabeth Arthur



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## Indian troops nibble away at guerrilla-held Jaffna

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Indian soldiers and armour were pressing to extend their authority in Jaffna on Friday after seizing a wide swath of the south western section of the Sri Lankan port town, a Tamil rebel stronghold.

Indian sources said troops from the occupied areas were advancing along a broad front to link up with units from the opposite direction in a pincer movement aimed at crushing rebel resistance.

More than half of India's estimated 20,000 troops in Sri Lanka have been thrown into the battle for Jaffna but after two weeks of fierce fighting only 30 to 40 per cent of the town's real estate have fallen under their control.

Indian officials have estimated at about 2,500 the number of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas defending the battle-scarred town.

Sri Lankan military officers reported intermittent firing in Jaffna on Friday but no details were immediately available on the progress of the Indian advance.

An Indian High Commission (embassy) official told reporters on Thursday that troops had taken control of the Jaffna Hospital, railway station and bazaar and key government offices.

"We now control large sections of town," the official said. She declined to give an estimate in percentage terms but pointed to a map which indicated about one-third of the town had been seized.

India, with a big Tamil population of its own, sent troops to enforce a July 29 Indo-Sri Lankan pact aimed at ending four years of fighting between the island's minority Tamils and majority Sinhalese.

Indian casualties so far have been given as 129 killed, 383 wounded and 27 missing in action and rebel losses at more than 600 killed and nearly 300 captured.

LTTE guerrillas have so far ignored renewed Indian appeals on them to surrender their arms. A Sri Lankan journalist who spent two weeks in Jaffna with the rebels said LTTE suicide squads have been raised to slow down the Indian advance to allow main units to melt away.

A land mine killed four Indian soldiers and injured six others Friday near the eastern city of Batticaloa, police said.

The blast occurred when an army truck hit the mine in Kallady, just south of Batticaloa, said a Sri Lankan official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the mine appeared to be the work of the LTTE.

The mine attack brought the Indian death toll in Sri Lanka to 133 since Oct. 10 when the

peacekeeping force launched the offensive in Jaffna.

The Tigers have forces in the Batticaloa region, where Tamils comprise a third of the population.

Shops in Batticaloa were shuttered and people stayed off the streets Friday after militant Tamils called for a general strike to protest the presence of the Indian Peacekeeping Force, residents said.

Tamil-language posters were put up Thursday urging people to remain home Friday.

A member of the Batticaloa Citizens' Committee, contacted by telephone, said the posters were signed by a little-known group called the People's Front. The posters accused Indian troops of confiscating people's possessions and of molesting women, said the committee man, a Tamil who insisted on anonymity.

The posters also claimed Indian soldiers went on a rampage last week after a land mine killed 20 of their comrades.

An Indian diplomat in Colombo, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, denied the posters' charges and said the front was set up by Tiger guerrillas.

More than 6,000 people, mostly members of the Sinhalese majority, have been killed since 1983 when Tamil rebels launched a war for a separate state.

## Aquino vows not to abandon troops

DAVAO CITY, Philippines (AP) — President Corason Aquino told hundreds of troops Friday that "I will not abandon you" during a visit to a military garrison whose members were sympathetic to leaders of a coup attempt.

Mrs. Aquino flew by helicopter to a camp of the elite Scout Rangers after arriving in Davao City, about 975 kilometres south of Manila, for a one-day trip. It was her longest venture from the capital since the Aug. 28 coup attempt.

Troops who attended the meeting were disarmed, and the rifles of the 20-member honour guard at the helipad were unloaded. An officer who asked not to be identified said security officials wanted to "prevent accidental firing."

Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno said security would be doubled for the trip after press reports that rebel soldiers would try to kill or kidnap the president and launch a nationwide uprising.

The 54-year-old president told some 200 soldiers that she had been warned her life would be in danger if she visited their camp, about 70 kilometres north of this sprawling Mindanao Island city. "I paid no regard to that because my duty is to see to it that the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines are well taken care of and that their needs are met," she said.

"Please know that the commander-in-chief is well aware of the hardships and sufferings you are undergoing," she added. "And I want you to know that I will take care of you and your needs." The leader of the August coup attempt, Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, served as training officer at a special school for Scout Rangers in central Luzon, where he launched the most serious challenge yet to topple Mrs. Aquino.

Col. Honasan and other military opposition leaders have complained that Mrs. Aquino favoured Communist rebels and had abandoned the armed forces.

On Thursday, the Manila Times said the military learned of a plot to kidnap or kill Mrs. Aquino during the visit.

## 5 Soviet generals die in helicopter crash

MOSCOW (R) — Five Soviet generals died in a helicopter crash on Monday, the armed-forces newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda reported on Friday.

The dead included Col-Gen. Vladimir Shutoy, a senior official of the General Staff.

The others were named as Maj.-Gen. Eren Porfiriev and Vladimir Bardashevsky and Lt.-Gen. Kirill Trofimov and Yuri Ryabinin.

The newspaper gave no details of the crash. In separate obituaries, it said each man died "in an aviation catastrophe on Oct. 19 while fulfilling his official duties."

Captain Alexei Gurenkov, the helicopter's pilot, and his mechanic, First Lieutenant Alexander Gorncharov, also died in the crash, Krasnaya Zvezda said.

The obituaries of the generals were signed by Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov, Armed-Forces Chief of Staff Sergei Akhromeyev and other top Soviet military leaders.

In a front-page box rimmed in black, the newspaper said the Defence Ministry and the main political directorates of the Soviet army and navy had sent condolences to the families of the officers.

Western analysts said the report that the generals had died in an air crash reflected Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "glasnost" policy of greater openness in the news.

Reports on the deaths of military officials in the past have stopped short of giving any details of the circumstances.

In 1985, Krasnaya Zvezda reported that a group of senior air force officers had died "tragically" while fulfilling their duties, but did not say how many were killed or how they died.

Western diplomats said at that time that the wording suggested they had died in an accident, possibly an air crash.

Gen. Shutoy, 63, had held his senior general staff post since 1975, was the highest-ranking of those killed.

He began his military career during World War II, becoming commander of a machine-gun unit, and held two orders of the Red Banner, the highest military decoration.

General Trofimov, 66, had served as deputy chief of communications for the entire Soviet Armed Forces since 1977.

A lieutenant-general, his rank put him second to Shutoy in the hierarchy of the crash victims. In the Soviet military, Lieutenant-Generals rank higher than major-generals.

General Porfiriev, 51, was chief of staff of the southern group of forces, based in Hungary, one of the seven members of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance.

Generals Ryabinin, 53, and Bardashevsky, 49, were both general staff officers.

## Salvadorean rebels 'show little interest' in peace

CARACAS (R) — A second day of peace talks between El Salvador's government and leftist guerrillas ended on Thursday with the government accusing the rebels of showing little interest to end the eight-year-old civil war.

Government delegate Alejandro Duarte, son of Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte, told reporters the guerrillas' posture had deadlocked the talks prior to a Nov. 7 deadline for a ceasefire in the Central American peace plan.

"The guerrillas have little interest in rapidly arriving at an accord," he said.

One proof of this, he said, was that the guerrillas wanted to discuss general peace terms, including a suspension in U.S. aid to El Salvador and power-sharing arrangements, before negotiating a ceasefire.

"They are very inflexible," he added. "There is an impasse."

He added that guerrilla sabotage of power lines on Wednesday was another sign that the rebels were not interested in quickly negotiating peace.

Mr. Duarte said he did not know when the current talks in the Venezuelan capital would end.

No rebel official could be reached for comment on Thursday night at the site of the negotiations inside the Fuerte Tiuna military base, which houses Venezuela's armed forces command.

But guerrilla spokesmen said at the start of the talks that the United States, El Salvador's main financier and arms supplier, should end its aid of \$1.5 million per day to the government in San Salvador.

## Soviets to publish works by new winner of Nobel Literature Prize

MOSCOW (R) — A Moscow literary journal plans to publish poetry by new Nobel literature laureate and Soviet exile Joseph Brodsky, an official Soviet spokesman said.

Brodsky, who once served a Soviet labour camp term because of his writing and now lives in the United States, won the 1987 Nobel Literature Award on Thursday.

Soon after the Stockholm announcement of the \$340,000 prize, Foreign Ministry Information Chief Gennady Gerasimov said he had been told of the publication plans by editorial officials at Novy Mir, a strong supporter of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's openness policies.

Brodsky himself told Reuters in London negotiations were under way for some of his work to appear in Novy Mir, which in the 1950s and 1960 was the standard-bearer of the liberal wing of the Soviet intelligentsia.

Mr. Gerasimov, in a reference to official displeasure at past Nobel literature awards to exiled Soviet writers, said the prize committee choices "are somewhat strange at times."

He added: "Tastes do differ. The committee's tastes can sometimes be exotic and sometimes there is a political taste."

He noted Brodsky, who went to the United States in 1972, had said after learning of his award that he hoped it would bolster interest in Russian poetry. "That would be a good thing," the

spokesman added.

"Mr. Gerasimov's comment, during a news conference on arms-control talks U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz had in Moscow on Thursday, was the first official reaction to the award to Brodsky."

But one prominent Soviet intellectual, who asked not to be named, said he regarded the award as just. "Brodsky is one of the greats of modern Russian poetry," he said.

The measured tone of Mr. Gerasimov's remarks, which fit with the more relaxed cultural policies under Mr. Gorbachev, was in strong contrast to Kremlin reaction following earlier Nobel awards to Soviet exiles or figures out of official favour.

## Thick fog still shrouds Moscow airports

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow was engulfed by thick fog for the sixth day on Friday, preventing air travel and clogging the capital's airports with thousands of stranded passengers.

An employee of Aeroflot, the Soviet national airline, said a few planes took off on Friday morning from Sheremetyevo International Airport but no landings were allowed.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda reported that about

500 foreign tourists had been stranded since Monday in Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan in Soviet Central Asia.

It said a special train left Tashkent for Moscow on Thursday with 800 people on board, out of more than 2,000 travellers waiting for flights to Moscow.

Up to 35,000 people have been camping out in Moscow airports since the fog descended on Sunday morning.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz had to travel by train from Helsinki on Thursday for arms talks with Soviet leaders. U.S. officials said that if the skies did not clear he might have to leave by train.

Weather reports said the fog might begin lifting on Friday afternoon but would probably return during the weekend. Clear weather was not expected before Monday, they said.

## India ends drug row with Nigeria, recovers airliner

LAGOS (R) — India has decided to close a damaging chapter in relations with Nigeria by paying a huge fine to recover a cocaine airliner involved in a cocaine smuggling case.

Details of a settlement negotiated quickly by the two governments emerged on Thursday.

The plane, which had been under threat of confiscation, and three accused Air India crew members, who had faced long prison sentences if convicted, left Lagos a few hours later.

Nigeria dropped criminal charges against the three Air India employees on Wednesday and an Indian diplomat disclosed on Thursday that New Delhi would pay \$32 million for the release of its Airbus.

The payment inevitably suggested an acknowledgment of responsibility although the airline and crew members had denied any part in smuggling the 32.5 kilogramme of cocaine found by Nigerian customs aboard the flight from Bombay last Aug. 25.

## Soviet youth prefer multi-candidate elections — poll

PARIS (R) — Soviet youth favour elections with more than one candidate and see bureaucracy as the main obstacle to Mikhail Gorbachev's reform programme, according to a Soviet opinion poll published on Thursday.

The survey of secondary school students and young workers was conducted by the Soviet Union's Novosti News Agency and published in the Paris left-wing daily Le Matin.

Le Matin said 100 per cent of those who answered a series of written questions wanted elections with more than one candidate standing for office.

In local government elections in June, the Soviets fielded experimental states with a choice of candidates in some areas.

Sixty per cent of those polled by Novosti listed bureaucracy as the main stumbling block to Mr. Gorbachev's efforts to introduce reforms.

Twenty per cent said inertia within the Soviet population was the principal obstacle while a further 14 per cent cited "general slackness," according to the poll.

Asked what they hoped to obtain from reform, 40 per cent of those polled said more socialism. 25 per cent said a stronger economy and only 14 per cent said more freedom.

The most popular foreign country among Soviet youth, is France, followed by Italy.

## Chinese leaders pay tribute to Marshal Ye

PEKING (R) — The memory of the late Marshal Ye Jianying, one of China's most tenacious revolutionaries, has demonstrated just before a key Communist Party congress the power of the past and the old over the present and the young.

More than 2,000 military and civilian leaders, headed by Premier Zhao Ziyang, attended a ceremony on Thursday to lay the ashes of Marshal Ye, who died a year ago aged 90.

"A devoted, long-tested Communist and a great proletarian revolutionary, statesman and military strategist," read the official eulogy.

But Marshal Ye will also be remembered as a man who clung to power until close to death, scuppering plans by Mr. Deng Xiaoping to usher in a younger leadership at the last party congress in 1982.

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## 3 accused of plot to sell SDI computer plans

SAN JOSE, California (R) — Three men were accused on Thursday of being involved in an alleged conspiracy to sell technical information for a super "Star Wars" computer to the Soviet Union for \$4 million.

Kevin Anderson, 36, a computer software designer, Ivan Batnic, 29, an engineer, and Stevan Batnic, believed to be a relation of Ivan Batnic, were remanded in custody by a federal court in San Jose.

The chief Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent in San

Francisco, Richard Held, said Defence Department officials had told the FBI the plans, never delivered, could have helped the Soviet Union build a super computer which, in the event of a war, could have been used to anticipate a missile attack.

This could have helped the Soviet Union neutralise the attack, Mr. Held said.

The United States is working on a Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), known as "Star Wars," which would include an anti-mis-

sile defence system based partly in space.

Mr. Held told reporters a two-month joint investigation involving the FBI, customs agents, officials and police in "Silicon Valley," the computer industry centre in northern California, had resulted in the arrest of the three men.

Mr. Held said Charles McVey, 57, a U.S. citizen arrested in Canada, is awaiting extradition to the United States on charges of making illegal exports to the Soviet Union.

## Spy pictures 'reveal' giant Soviet space lasers

STOCKHOLM (R) — A Swedish space research company said on Thursday it had satellite photos revealing a Soviet installation containing powerful space lasers.

Western arms experts said the lasers could be designed to cripple American satellites that would warn of a nuclear attack.

The photos show four dome-shaped buildings housing lasers on a 2,300-metre mountaintop at Nurek, 100 kilometres from the Afghan border, said Space Media Network, the research firm distributing the pictures.

It said the laser domes, measuring ten metres in diameter, and large telescopes nearby, were part of a sprawling new complex linked to a powerful hydroelectric plant in the Soviet Republic of Tadzhikistan.

"It has long been rumoured that the Soviets have such a facility," said space weapons expert Bhupendra Jasani of Britain's Royal United Services Institute

for Defence Studies. "These photographs prove it," Jasani said in an interview with the Swedish monthly magazine Z.

The pictures were taken by the French-Swedish spot satellite and computer-processed by Sweden's government space agency Satelithid, Mats Thoren of Space Media Network said.

Jasani said the southern mountaintop location of the Soviet laser station was ideal because of the thin air and because U.S. satellites designed to give early warning of a nuclear attack had fixed positions above the Soviet Union and China.

He said powerful ground lasers could put such satellites out of action.

Arms experts have said that ground-based laser weapons could threaten satellites vital to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's programme for a partly space-based shield against nuclear attack, the Strategic Defence In-

itiative, dubbed "Star Wars."

The Soviet Union unilaterally proclaimed a moratorium on the testing of anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons in 1983.

It later acknowledged it was developing ground-based lasers, but said they were only for tracking satellites and too weak for ASAT purposes, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

"The reported size of the Nurek domes indicates a weapon capability," SIPRI arms technology expert Allan Din said.

Din said the Soviet Union was thought to be ahead of the United States in the field of anti-satellite lasers. "I don't know of any similar U.S. facility," he said.

He said a Soviet laser station such as indicated in the pictures was likely to pose a problem in arms control negotiations about space weapons between the Soviet Union and the United States.

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### Iraq approves execution of 3 policemen

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has signed a decree ratifying a court's decision to execute three policemen for robbing a house in Baghdad, newspapers reported on Thursday. The decree said a police officer and two subordinates stole a video machine and gold ornaments, and used their official police car to make their getaway. Iraq decided after the outbreak of war with Iran seven years ago that convicted robbers would face the death penalty.

### Egypt suspends licences to new belly dancers

CAIRO (AP) — Belly dancing is as old as Egypt, but the government has decided enough is enough. It has stopped issuing licences to the women who wiggle and shake for a living. It's purely a matter of numbers, said Farouk Salem, director of the Culture Ministry's Artistic Control Department. There are just too many belly dancers. The decision "was prompted by the judgment that the number of licensed belly dancers still in the business is enough, and there is no need for more," Mr. Salem said. Egyptian belly dancing is rooted in Pharaonic times, and engravings on ancient tomb walls show women performing the art. Many scholars contend the name comes not from movements of the dancer's body but as a corruption by early British travellers of the word "balady," or native. Until the mid-1950s, belly dancers wore revealing costumes that displayed bare midriffs and much leg. President Jamal Abdul Nasser, who overthrew the monarchy in 1952, ordered that henceforth, midriffs must be covered. That edict remains in force. Additionally, many belly dancers have begun in recent years alternating between the traditional costume and the flowing galabia of rural Egypt, adding a tight belt just below the waist to accentuate hip movements. Mr. Salem told the Associated Press the unpublished licence-suspension order was issued about six months ago. He said almost 1,000 women now hold licences, but only about half perform professionally. "About half the dancers have retired or given up temporarily for various reasons — age, health, figure or family reasons such as marriage and bearing children," Mr. Salem said. He noted, however, that several thousand unlicensed belly dancers perform at private events such as weddings and birthday celebrations. It's difficult to track them down, he said, but when one is caught, she's fined.

### David Bowie accused of rape

DALLAS (R) — A 30-year-old woman has accused British rock star David Bowie of raping her at an all-night party during his recent concert tour here, police officials have said. Dallas Police Department spokesman Hollis Edwards said that after investigating the case for more than a week, police found insufficient evidence to file charges and referred the case to a grand jury which will decide if there are grounds for an indictment. Edwards said the woman complained that the incident took place on Oct. 10 in Bowie's room at the exclusive mansion on Turtle Creek hotel in Dallas following an all-night party. The woman, who said she was invited to the party by friends, filed her complaint with the police on Oct. 12 after consulting a doctor. Bowie, 40, is in Australia on the last leg of a tour that began last spring in Rotterdam. Bowie's spokesman, Joe Dera, told Reuters by telephone from New York that the rock star strongly denied the charges and had issued the following statement: "It is both ridiculous and ironic that this woman, whom I met at a party in Dallas on Friday night Oct. 9, and spent the evening with, should bring these false and outrageous charges. 'I can only assume that she is seeking to turn this into a media event to gain attention to herself by making these patently untrue charges.'"

### Burglar nabbed in 'textbook case'

PROVIDENCE (AP) — The unmarked door that an intruder tried to break into led to a burglar-alarm company's office — and the company's product worked, police said. That was the burglar's only mistake. The offices of Sonitrol Security Systems are right across from police headquarters, and the alleged burglar was in custody within minutes. "It was great," said Robert Lee, vice president of Sonitrol, who called it a "textbook case" of how burglar alarms are supposed to work. Frederick L. Robinson, 27, of Providence, was charged with breaking and entering after his arrest, police said.

### Japan has strong yen for old masters

TOKYO (R) — Japan imported paintings worth a record 73.4 billion yen (\$509.7 million) in the first eight months of this year, including Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers, a customs official said on Friday. The official said the art imports had already exceeded the previous annual record of 68.9 billion yen (\$478 million) set in 1973. He attributed the sharp rise in art imports to the strong yen and an increasing Japanese interest in collecting art due to low local bank saving deposit rates. The official said the boom in importing famous paintings was expected to continue. The insurance company which bought the Sunflowers painting in March for 5.3 billion yen (\$36.8 million) has put it on display in its Tokyo Museum.

### Nancy Reagan leaves hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — First Lady Nancy Reagan has left the hospital heading back to the White House with her husband, President Ronald Reagan, and a prognosis for a complete recovery from breast cancer surgery. Six days after entering Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Washington, Mrs. Reagan emerged from the hospital with her husband for a short ride to the hospital helicopter pad and the flight to the White House. Mrs. Reagan stepped from the presidential limousine and walked with some hesitance to the helicopter, Marine One. She said nothing, but waved with her husband to those nearby as she boarded the craft. The first lady, following the removal of her cancerous left breast on Saturday, has been given a clean bill of health and has been told she has an "excellent" chance for a complete recovery because the malignancy had not spread.

### Lost man reappears with memory problem

TOKYO (R) — A 28-year-old man who went missing at the seaside more than two years ago telephoned his family from the other side of Japan but could not recall what he had done since his disappearance. Police said on Wednesday that Kenichi Kenmochi, a government official, telephoned his home eight days ago from the southern island of Okinawa. It was the first time his family had heard from him since he went missing off Ishiji beach in August 1985 at Niigata, northern Japan, 1,500 kilometres from Okinawa. Kenmochi said he remembered going to the beach by car to go swimming with his friends but could not recall what he had done since then and why and how he had got to Okinawa, a police official said. He quoted Kenmochi as saying he suddenly remembered who he was and that he had a family during a coughing fit in the water off an Okinawa beach on Oct. 11. Kenmochi's father Koichi, 58, who met his son last Wednesday at an Okinawa hotel, was quoted as saying Kenichi's hair style and face were virtually unchanged. Police earlier believed he had drowned because his clothes and belongings were found on the beach and because no other traces of him were discovered in a six-day search.

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|---|------|---|--------------------------|
| Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold          | Pass | 2 | What action do you take? |
| ♠10652 ♠8753 ♠J83 ♠7                            |      |   |                          |
| The bidding has proceeded North East South West |      |   |                          |
| 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass                 |      |   |                          |
| What do you bid now?                            |      |   |                          |
| Q.2—As South, vulnerable you hold               | Pass | 2 | What action do you take? |
| ♠A8983 ♠Q92 ♠KQJ172                             |      |   |                          |
| The bidding has proceeded South West North East |      |   |                          |
| 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass                 |      |   |                          |
| What do you bid now?                            |      |   |                          |
| Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold              | Pass | 2 | What action do you take? |
| ♠Q10762 ♠J854 ♠7 ♠A98                           |      |   |                          |
| The bidding has proceeded South West North East |      |   |                          |
| 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass                 |      |   |                          |
| What do you bid now?                            |      |   |                          |